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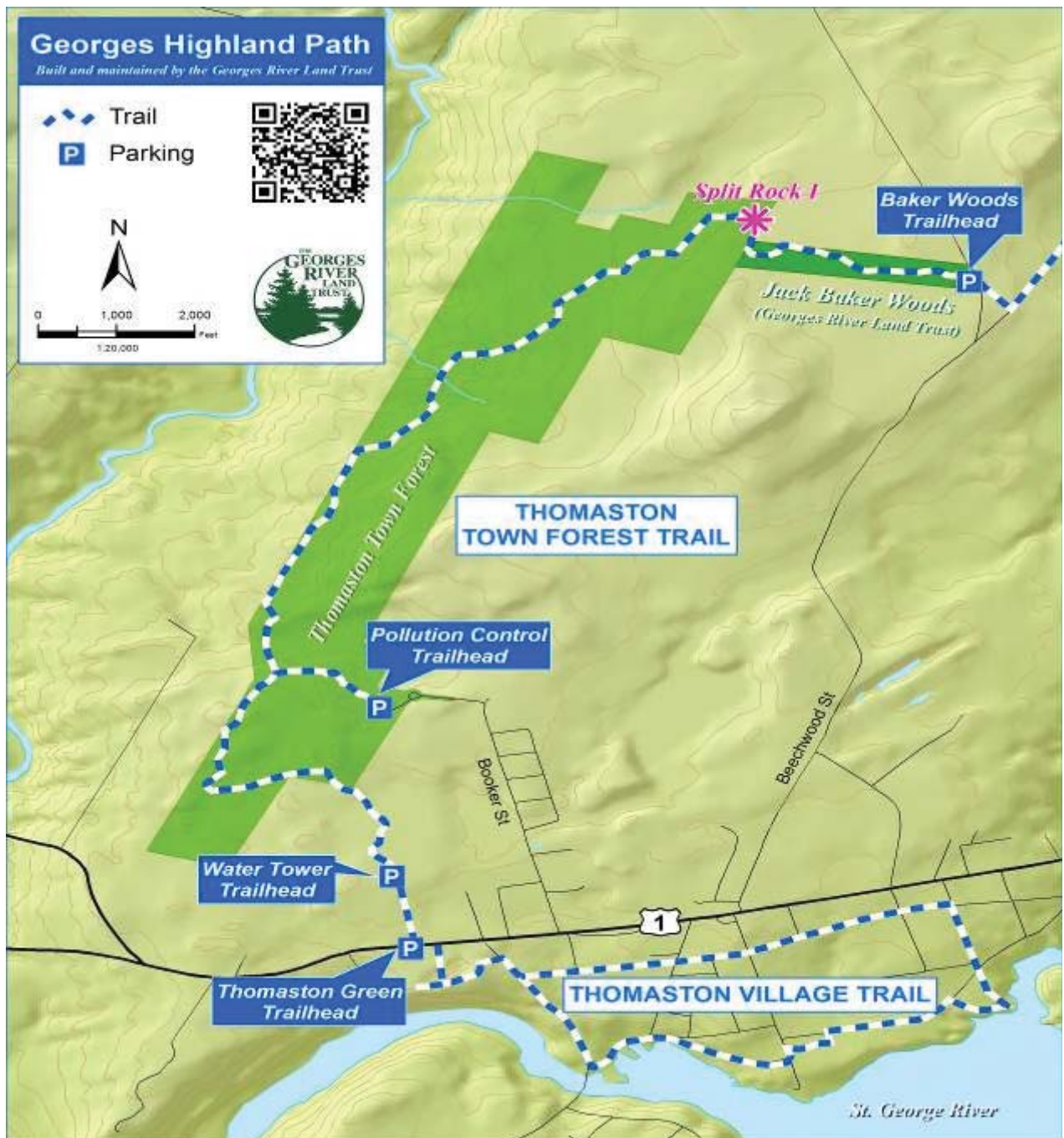
THOMASTON TRAILS/TOWN FOREST



SPLIT ROCK



THOMASTON GREEN



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Georges River Land Trust

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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF
THOMASTON
MAINE
FOR FISCAL YEAR
2012/2013**

**SELECTMEN
TOWN MANAGER
GOVERNMENT**

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DEDICATION



Peter Surek and his puppy Ridley
Photo by: Dave Martucci

***This Annual Report is dedicated to Peter Surek who retired after serving the
Town of Thomaston as Code Enforcement Officer
From 1994 to 2012***

HOLIDAYS

LIST OF MUNICIPAL HOLIDAYS

2013/2014

If a holiday falls on a Saturday then the Town Office will be closed the Friday before.
If a holiday falls on a Sunday then the Town Office will be closed the Monday after.

 <p>Patriot's Day</p>	 <p>July 4th</p>	 <p>Labor Day</p>
Independence Day	Thursday	July 04, 2013
Labor Day	Monday	September 02, 2013
Columbus Day	Monday	October 14, 2013
Veteran's Day	Monday	November 11, 2013
Thanksgiving Break	Thursday & Friday	November 28-29, 2013
Christmas	Wednesday	December 26, 2013
New Years Day	Wednesday	January 1, 2014
Martin Luther King Day	Wednesday	January 20, 2014
President's Day	Monday	February 17, 2014
Patriot's Day	Monday	April 21, 2014
Memorial Day	Monday	May 26, 2014
 <p>Thanksgiving</p>	 <p>Christmas</p>	 <p>New Year's Day</p>

MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE DIRECTORY



Town Office

Town Manager	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Tax Collector	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Road Commissioner	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Treasurer	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
General Assistance Administrator	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Project Officer	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107
Assessors Agent	David Martucci	354-6107
Town Clerk	Joan Linscott	354-6107
Registrar of Voters	Joan Linscott	354-6107
Public Information Officer	Joan Linscott	354-6107
Secretary/Office Coordinator	Louise Demers	354-6107
Municipal Accounting Clerk	Jodell Benson	354-6107
Pollution Control Billing	Donna Culbertson	354-6107
Code Enforcement	William Wasson	354-6107
Building Inspector	William Wasson	354-6107
Plumbing Inspector	William Wasson	354-6107
Addressing Officer	Dave Martucci	354-6107
Alternate Plumbing Inspector	Scott Bickford	354-6107

Public Works/Pollution Control

Public Works Director	Jim Cannon	354-2478
Pollution Control Director	John Fancy	354-2136

Public Safety Departments

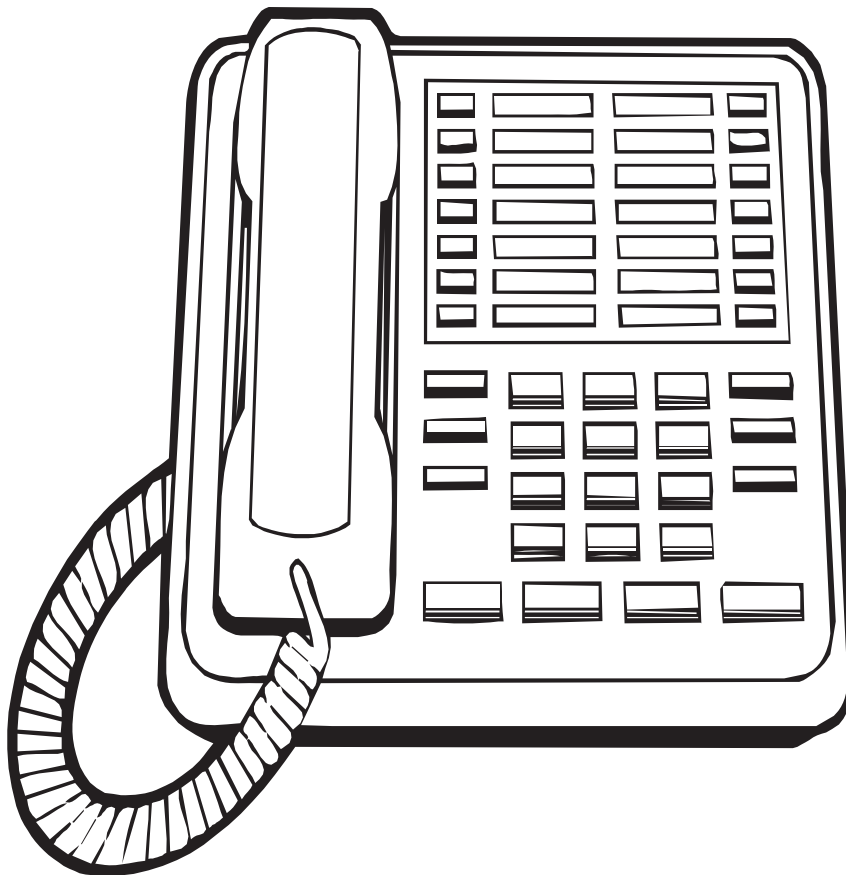
All Emergencies		911
Police Chief	Kevin Haj	354-2511
Fire Chief	Mike Leo	354-6345
Ambulance Director	Ruston Barnard	354-6345
Animal Control	Robert Robinson	542-5301
Non-Emergency	Knox Dispatch	593-9132

Miscellaneous Departments

Tree Warden	Peter Lammert	354-8000
Recreation Director	Misty Start	354-6107
Harbor Master	Gordon Mank, Jr.	975-6553
Health Officer	Alan Leo	354-6345
Librarian	Ann Harris	354-2453
EMA Director	Valmore Blastow, Jr.	354-6107

Selectmen

William Hahn	14 Elliot Street, Thomaston	354-6796
Lee-Ann Upham	21 Georges Street, Thomaston	354-6347
Peter Lammert	17 Elm Street, Thomaston	354-8000
Greg Hamlin	55 Toll Bridge Road	354-6749
Jonathan Eaton	9 Gleason Street, Thomaston	354-2234



TOWN OF THOMASTON

2012/2013 LIST MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

BOARD OF SELECTPERSONS

Lee-Ann Upham, Chairman
William Hahn
Greg Hamlin
Peter Lammert
Jonathan Eaton

Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2013
Term Expires 2015
Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2013

TOWN MANAGER

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

TOWN CLERK

Joan Linscott

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Joan Linscott
A. Fred Wigglesworth
Peter Lammert

Term Expires 2013
Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2015

R.S.U. #13 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Darryl Sanborn
Arvilla Collins

Term Expires 2014
Term Expires 2015

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEES



COMMITTEES

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Sandra Jordan	Expires 2013
Elizabeth Watts	Expires 2014
Henry Carey	Expires 2013
Paul Chamberlin	Expires 2015
Peter Lammert	Selectman

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Doug Erickson	Expires 2015
Henry Carey	Expires 2013
Betty Watts	Expires 2014

COMP. PLAN COMMITTEE

Cindy Bertocci
Margaret McCrea
Peter Lammert

GEORGE'S RIVER SHELLFISH COMMITTEE

Clifton Weaver
John Smith
Mark Colson

CDBG COMMITTEE

Chris Rector
Doug Erickson
Cabot Lyman
Lee-Ann Upham

REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

William Hahn, Chair
Chris Rector
Cindy Bertocci
Steve Little
Sumner Kinney
Davene Fahy
Jeff Carty
Lee-Ann Upham, Selectman
Peter Lammert, Selectman
Jonathan Eaton, Selectman

TRUST FUND COMMITTEE

Valmore Blastow, Jr., Treasurer
Jodell Benson, Accounting Clerk
Jeff Creighton, Chairman
William Dashiell

Valmore G. Blastow Jr.
Town Manager



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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston:

It is with pleasure that I submit the Annual Report of the activities and financial transactions for the past year.

This report covers the operations of your Town for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

The audit excerpts for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012 are included herein, and complete reports are available for your review at the Town Office as audited by Runyon, Kersteen and Ouellette, Auditors.

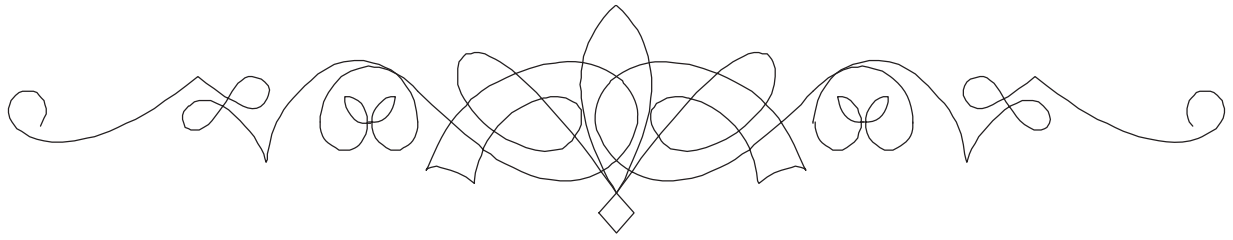
I wish to thank all the employees, officials and citizens who have assisted me during the past year, as well as the Board of Selectmen for their continued support.

*Respectfully submitted,
Valmore G. Blastow, Jr.
Town Manager*

ADMINISTRATIVE DEPARTMENTS



**Employee List
Town Manager's Report
Town Clerk's Report
Code Enforcement Officer's Report**



TOWN OFFICE STAFF

**Town Manager, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner
Valmore Blastow, Jr.**

**Town Clerk, Registrar of Voters, Village Cemetery Contact,
Public Information Officer
Joan Linscott**

**Code Enforcement Officer
William Wasson**

**Plumbing Inspector
William Wasson**

**Accounting Clerk
Jodell Benson**

**Secretary/Office Coordinator
Louise Demers**

**Pollution Control Bookkeeper
Donna Culbertson**

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

VALMORE BLASTOW, JR.

TOWN MANAGER

As your Town Manager, I wish to thank the citizens of Thomaston and all of the Selectmen past and present that I have worked with for over the past twenty years as of March 8, 2013.

This upcoming year again will be a financial odyssey as the Legislature grapples in this down economy with a budget deficit that they have carried for years. Preliminary indications show further State reductions (i.e. tax increases) to municipalities. Thomaston's State Revenue Sharing has been reduced \$218,746 over three years, and Education Funding has been reduced \$622,000 since 2007-2008.

The Town continues to complete a myriad of projects from economic development in the east side of Town to Thomaston Green on the west including a sewer project at Wadsworth Street to Brooklyn Heights, Streetscape and Façade projects at the Business Block, the Mill River Park and continued trail, and urban sidewalk improvements throughout the Town. We have been assisting MDOT in preparation for the reconstruction of Route 1 through Town and the replacement of the Wadsworth Street Bridge. A Downtown Master Plan is being initiated with continued focus on historic preservation. The Town applied for multiple grants for Safe Routes to Schools and for acquisition of conservation land.

The intent in the preparation of the 2013-2014 budget for Municipal Government will be to present a \$0.00 increase. The Town continues to have adequate Reserves, undesignated Fund Balance, and adequate growth from economic development to maintain financial stability.

Assigned	\$771,448	Amount held as trust unexpendable balance and amount designated for voter approved expenditures
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Unassigned	\$797,179	Formerly Undesignated (Surplus)
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	<u>Actual 2012</u>	<u>Actual 2011</u>
General Government	\$393,334*	\$363,220
Municipal Buildings	\$ 82,519	\$ 72,919
Public Safety	\$563,302	\$538,695
Public Works	\$416,960	\$436,227
Health & Welfare	\$416,985	\$406,648
Ambulance		
Transfer Station		
General Assistance		
Recreation & Leisure	\$ 67,931	\$ 63,336

Local Agencies	\$ 19,572	\$ 20,380
Unclassified	<u>\$494,847</u>	<u>\$482,411</u>
Municipal oper. Expenditures	\$2,455,450	\$2,383,836
Capital including Reserves	\$437,009	\$264,448
RSU #13	\$3,115,596	\$3,081,598
Knox County	\$ 369,443	\$ 362,866
Total expenditures	\$6,377,498	\$6,092,748

* Includes \$31,352 in legal expenses reimbursed by WalMart.

The following goals were established by the Board of Selectmen for 2012-2013 as part of the ongoing goal process:

1. Stimulate Economic Growth

Objectives:

A. Continue to support economic development in the east commercial development district known as Thomaston Economic Tract;

B. Complete Phase II of the West End Sewer Project with McGee Construction, Inc. the low bidder at \$795,111;

Status: Awarded Phase II contract to McGee Construction, Inc. for the Brooklyn Heights area and completed 95% of the project costing \$795,111. George C. Hall & Sons, Inc. completed Phase I last year. McGee Construction, Inc. finished 95% of Phase II and 80% of the Thomaston Green infrastructure, costing the Town \$232,666.

C. Complete the infrastructure into Thomaston Green for ultimate development with a new developer;

Status: The Town approved a \$250,000 TIF funded bond, and June 2012 voter approval initiated the infrastructure installation into Thomaston Green. The Town continues to secure a developer in this down economy.

D. Develop potential project list through voter approved Downtown TIF District that continues to evolve and becomes comprehensive in preparation for future Town Meeting approval;

Status: Voters approved a \$25,000 fundraising donation pledge to YMCA to be matched for the construction of a facility on Thomaston Green within five years. The Town also approved a Cooperative Agreement with MDOT to install sidewalks on the south side of Route 1 Project #017890 at a total estimated cost of \$500,000. The Town's TIF cost is \$100,000, 20% match and 80% federal.

The Town further initiated Phase II of the Business Block Streetscape Project with plans to construct a sidewalk adjacent to the Thomaston Grocery and reconstruct the alleyway.

E. Continue supporting economic development on the east side of Town in the Thomaston Economic Tract;

Status: Thomaston Commons: The Town gave final approval to WalMart Corporation for a \$25-\$28 million total project cost. The project was permitted and construction began in earnest with an October 2013 opening date.

F. Continue the feasibility and long range plan for Watts Hall;

Status: The Board of Selectmen initiated discussions with Lachman Architects and held a public meeting on historic tax credits and revitalization projects.

G. Prepare and submit Comprehensive Plan and zoning amendments to future Town Meetings. Without Gateway 1, continue to prepare and seek grant with the Orton Foundation. Continue the effort for an East/West Town road initiated over ten years ago and becoming a reality by determining the cost of a preliminary engineering study.

Status: Created Gateway 1 Corridor Coalition after the State of Maine disbanded the project and approved land use funds for same through the Regional Planning Commission. Land Use/Zoning amendments are being proposed for the 2013 Town Meeting.

2. Strengthen the Community Core

Objectives:

A. Continue municipal facility long range plan;

Status: The Board of Selectmen approved Mill River Park off Fish Street and submitted same jointly with Georges River Land Trust for a grant.

B. Continue the restoration of existing sidewalks and the construction of new sidewalks to complement the riverfront trail;

Status: The Board of Selectmen is supporting the replacement of the Green Street sidewalk in 2013.

C. Continue to fund future sidewalk construction and restoration;

Status: The voters approved at the June 13, 2012 Town Meeting \$100,000 from TIF for \$500,000 project to install a sidewalk on the south side of Route 1 Wadsworth Street to Fish Street.

D. Continue to support the Many Flags proposal;

E. Erect new, aesthetically pleasing signage by the flagpole and review the signage at Town entrances on Route 1;

F. Continue support of cleanliness of public areas;

G. Continue support of a Thomaston farmers' market;

Status: The Board of Selectmen initiated discussions with Ryan Fahey late in the year on December 10, 2012 to hold a farmers' market at the Academy site on Saturdays.

H. Support energy conservation measures;

Status: The Town installed new siding for walls and eight inch insulation on the Public Works Garage constructed in 1974.

The Town used 18,052 gallons of #2 heating oil in 2006-2007. The consumption for 2012-2013 through March was 13,018 gallons from numerous conservation projects over the years.

I. Support and work with MDOT in initiating Project No. 1789.00 Route 1 reconstruction from Warren to Pine Street and establish sidewalk and underdrain twenty year goal. Support \$200,000 federal earmark request for stormwater upgrade from Allis property across Route 1, through Mall to School Street. Further, work with MDOT in rehabilitating or reconstructing the Wadsworth Street Bridge over the St. George River.

Status: Signed Cooperative Agreement with MDOT and set same for the June 13, 2012 Town Meeting voter approval which was supported. The project is on schedule to be constructed in 2014-2015.

J. Continue support of the expansion of an access road from Oyster River Road to Old County Road along with improvements to Old County Road through Rockport, Rockland, and Thomaston Interlocal Agreement of Cooperation. Submit requests through Regional Planning to MDOT.

3. Strengthen Municipal Services

Objectives:

A. Support staff training and cross-training during the 2012-2013 fiscal year;

Status: Continue to support workload of projects, retirements and vacancies in 2012.

B. Obtain written department goals for the 2012-2013 fiscal year as well as long-term (one-year and five-year) department goals/wish lists from the Town Manager;

Status: All department heads submitted 2011-2012 goals and five and ten year goals.

C. Meet with each department head to discuss the above;

Status: As above.

D. Continue monthly meetings with Department Heads and maintain the Risk Management Safety Program;

Status: Continue to comply and update Risk Management.

E. Prepare for voluntary request of the Department of Labor to evaluate Town departments.

F. Energy conservation related efforts:

1. Continue discussion with Dragon Products in regards to natural gas facility at Dragon Products.

Status: Dragon Products is being approached for the no cost installation of a 25 KWH natural gas facility to generate electricity use for the plant. SelfGen submitted a proposal to private industry. There was no action.

January 9, 2012

- Public Hearing for 2009 CDBG Community Enterprise Grant Program, for Façade and Streetscape Improvements to the Business Block in regards to progress
- Approved invitation to bid, documents for a custom pumper for the Fire Department
- Contract with Interstate Septic Systems, Inc.
- Teamsters Local #340 Union negotiations reviewed

January 23, 2012

- Appointed Doug Erickson to the CDBG Committee
- Accepted the resignation of Amie Hutchison from the Conservation Committee
- Approved proposal with Regina Leonard Landscape Architect to design the proposed Mill River park
- Approved Joint Interlocal Agreement with Rockland to install a new sewer line on Pleasant Street as replacement for the 1977 Lovell Act Project
- Discussed negotiations with Broad Cove Builders to purchase land at Thomaston Green
- Reviewed membership in Maine Service Centers Coalition

February 13, 2012

- Public Hearing for the 2012 CDBG Grant Application for Phase II Streetscape and Façade Projects for the Business Block and approval of \$150,000 application for same
- Approved \$2,000 Dietz Scholarship for Alex Grierson
- Approved bid documents and submitted for invitation to bid Phase II of West Sewer Project
- Approved CMS Medicare annual guidelines for Ambulance billing rates

February 27, 2012

- Approved review to the Thomaston Public Librarian Job Description
- Reviewed request of Doug Erickson for placement of Stop Signs on Elliot Street at intersection with Dunn Street three-way

March 12, 2012

- Highland Coffee House applies for Vinous and Malt Liquor License
- Recognition of Myrtle Lowell's 100th birthday on April 1, 2012
- Acknowledgement of Girl Scouts Troop 1212 100th anniversary
- Award the low bid to KME for purchase of a 2012 fire pumper in the amount of \$397,000
- Request to allow wild turkeys to be relocated from Knox County Airport to Town Forest per Conservation Commission
- Gartley & Dorsky Engineering to complete civil engineering for Thomaston Green subdivision at a cost of \$35,000
- Jonathan Eaton to discuss Walkable and Livable Communities

- Peter Surek resigned as Code Enforcement Officer effective April 8, 2012 after 19 plus years of service
- Approved CDBG Program Administrator Rodney Lynch to Multi-Housing Rehabilitation Program for application
- Negotiating Purchase and Sales Agreement with Broad Cove Builders pursuant to Lot 1 Thomaston Green

March 26, 21012

- Athens Pizzeria applies for Vinous and Malt Liquor License
- Reviewed the Thomaston Land Use Ordinance fee schedule for building
- Debated Stop Signs on Elliot Street at the intersection of Dunn Street, three way
- Appointed Valmore Blastow, Jr. as Code Enforcement Officer and David Martucci as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer
- \$250,000 General Obligation Bond for Thomaston Green infrastructure
- Award of Brooklyn Heights sewer infrastructure project to McGee Construction
- Approved proposal for CDBG architectural services for the Business Block Façade program Phase II
- Approved planting design for perennials in the Business Block planters as submitted by Nancy Carter

April 9, 2012

- Approved Warrant Article to accept Ashland Drive off Beechwood Street as a Town road as requested by the owners of Mill River Valley Subdivision (Brooks)
- Discussed traffic issues with Police Chief
- Doug Erickson of Coldwell Banker Soundvest Properties request to consider \$25,000 Warrant Article to donate funds to YMCA Capital Campaign
- Centerline painting bids awarded to Markings Inc. for \$2,995.81

April 23, 2012

- Approved request of Port Clyde Seafood dba The Slipway for Vinous, Spirituous and Malt Liquor License
- Set Town goals for 2013

May 7, 2012

- Union negotiations

May 14, 2012

- Reviewed plans for Mill River Park off Fish Street
- Established Arbitrage Policy for issuance of Bonds

June 11, 2012

- Approved request of Billy's Tavern for Vinous, Spirituous and Malt Liquor License
- Accepted \$150,000 CDBG grant for Phase II Streetscape and Façade Improvements at Business Block
- Leased 600 square feet of the Academy Building to Ronald Frontin and Angela Anderson Pomerleau for art education
- Accepted Harbor Committee's amended parking at the Harbor Front
- Accepted low bid Hartland, Inc. for winter road sand at \$6.00 per yard picked up
- Accepted low bid Harcros Chemicals, Inc. for winter road salt at \$57.67 per ton

- Adopted General Assistance amendments per Title 22 through June 30, 2013
- Approved outside seating at Athens Pizzeria
- Reviewed a \$75,000 offer from John Miller to sell to the Town a portion of land on the west boundary of Thomaston Green; no action was taken
- Considered grant applications to purchase Wayne Thorndike property abutting Pollution Control Facility land on the west through Maine Natural Resources Conservation Program

June 25, 2012

- Issued Athens Pizzeria Special Amusement Permit for solo music, etc.
- Ratified Teamsters Local #340 Union Contract through 2015
- Applied for Safe Routes to School improvements along Starr Street as portion of Streetscape Plan
- Paving bids for Fluker Street and West Meadow Road portion at \$74.20 per ton with Ferraiola Construction

July 9, 2012

- Amended the Code Enforcement Officer Job Description
- Purchased a \$2,600 riding mower
- Accepted an Urban/Rural Initiative Program (URIP) certification for \$26,184 from MDOT

July 23, 2012

- Purchased two Police cruisers from Shepard 's at a cost of \$39,636 with trade-ins
- Submitted loan refinance of the 2003 Rural Development Fire Truck Loan with Maine Bond Bank for the remaining \$260,000 balance at an estimated 3%, down from 4.625%, with a savings of \$52,000 plus with shorter term

August 13, 2012

- Midcoast Public Transit Study with Coastal Transportation for Thomaston, Rockland, Rockport, Camden for \$1,650 each or \$6,600 and grant of \$54,000 MDOT
- Awarded McCormick and Associates as low bid for siding and insulation on the Public Works Garage for the sum of \$35,530

August 27, 2012

- Presentation of proposed dog park on Town land by the Friends of the Thomaston ME Dog Park by James Hodson
- Reviewed a request by State of ME DEP to participate in a free lamp recycling program
- Discussed fireworks use with the Fire Department and reviewed current State Law.
- Set a Special Town Meeting for September 11, 2012

September 10, 2012

- Approved General Obligation Bond Resolution for refinancing of the fire apparatus
- Reviewed for consideration the offer from St. Brendan the Navigator Parish to purchase the St. James Catholic Church property adjacent to Thomaston Academy

September 24, 2012

- Approved the construction of Thomaston Green Road and infrastructure, and awarded same to McGee Construction based on their previous low bid as a component of the West Sewer Project
- Renewed the lease with Midcoast Christian Academy for space in the Thomaston Academy
- Approved a grant application for a request to the Davis Foundation to acquire 10.5 acres of Lawrence Brooks land abutting Town land on the Oyster River for conservation for the cost of \$15,000

September 25, 2012

- Discussed Municipal Facilities planning as it relates to the St. James Church property

October 22, 2012

- Applebee's Neighborhood Grill and Bar applies for Vinous, Spirituous and Malt Liquor License
- Reviewed application for \$226,000 Housing Rehabilitation Grant as recommended by Rodney Lynch
- Approved \$1,000 from Samuel Watts Fund for Thanksgiving baskets through the Thomaston Interchurch Fellowship Food Pantry
- Approved USDA Rural Development permanent loan documents in the sum of \$1,099,000 to fund West Sewer Improvements

November 26, 2012

- Approved a partnership request with Georges River Land Trust for a WalMart Foundation Grant for construction of Mill River Park
- Received \$10,000 Davis Foundation Grant to purchase Brooks property
- Discussed Growsmart Maine, Maine Development Foundation, and joining Maine Downtown Coalition
- Submitted a letter of recognition to Gertrude Mero Gompf on her 100th birthday on November 11, 2012

December 10, 2012

- Reviewed a presentation by Denis Lachman Architects and Planners for historic credits in regards to potential improvements to Watts Hall
- Discussed Downtown Village Plan
- Reviewed a request of Ryan Fahey of Crescent Run Farm for a Farmers Market in Thomaston
- Intermunicipal Committee with Rockland and Rockport for an improvement plan for Old County Road, and appointed Jonathan Eaton and Greg Hamlin to the Committee

APPOINTMENTS, NEW HIRES AND RESIGNATIONS IN 2012

The Board of Selectmen served on the following committees and boards:

Personnel Committee	Peter Lammert
Inter-Local Clam Board	Jonathan Eaton
Solid Waste Committee	Peter Lammert
Mid-Coast Regional Planning	Bill Hahn
Maine Water Advisory Committee	Peter Lammert
Main St. Enhancement Committee	Lee-Ann Upham & Greg Hamlin
Trust Fund Committee	Lee-Ann Upham & Greg Hamlin
Redevelopment Committee	All Board Members
Land Use Ordinance Review Committee	Lee-Ann Upham, Greg Hamlin

APPOINTMENTS:

Valmore Blastow, Jr. as Code Enforcement Officer effective April 7, 2012
David Martucci as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer effective April 7, 2012
David Martucci as Addressing Officer effective April 9, 2012
Greg Hamlin as Library Board of Trustees effective April 23, 2012
Linda Kruger as Library Board of Trustees effective May 14, 2012
Jerry Zwick as Alternate on the Zoning Board of Appeals effective June 11, 2012
Paul Chamberlin as Personnel Committee member effective July 9, 2012

Academy Trustees	Tom Mellor Ted Mlynarski William Hahn John Chandler, Alternate
Watts Block Trustees	William Hahn
Planning Board	Joanne Richards Melissa Reynolds William Wasson
Board of Appeals	Doug Erickson William Dashiell
Budget Committee	Doug Erickson
Personnel Committee	Paul Chamberlin
Recreation Committee	Darryl Townsend Richard Jones John Chandler, Sr. Citizen Representative
Conservation Commission	Terri Estey-Rucevice Sarah Ann Tyler Clifford Blastow
Harbor Committee	Steve Tofield Joe McGeady, Alternate to Full Member

**Georges River Shellfish Committee
Shellfish Warden
MicroLoan Committee
Airport Advisory Committee
MCEDD Committee
Public Access Officer under
MRSA §423 Freedom of Information**

**Mark Colson
Neil Pollis
Douglas Erickson**

**William Hahn
Joan Linscott**

NEW HIRES:

**Max King
Ann Harris**

**Patrol Officer
Head Librarian**

RESIGNATIONS:

**Peter Surek
Paul Scalzone
Ron Defoe**

**Code Enforcement Officer
Zoning Board of Appeals
Harbor Committee**



TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

JOAN LINSKOTT

TOWN CLERK

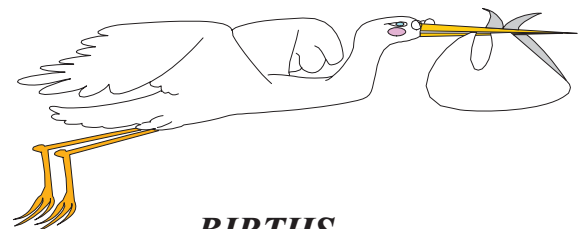
DEATHS – 2012

<u>Date of Death</u>	<u>Name of Deceased</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Place of Death</u>
Anna D'Amato	01-12-2012	93	Rockland
Raymond Benner	01-12-2012	84	Thomaston
Richard Robison	01-14-2012	59	Thomaston
L. Jessica Brooks	01-23-2012	69	Rockland
Craig Montminy	01-23-2012	43	Rockport
Frances Philbrook	02-08-2012	83	Bangor
Joanne Daniello	02-27-2012	65	Thomaston
Jean Clukey	03-30-2012	77	Rockland
Myrtle Lowell	04-09-2012	100	Rockport
Walter Abbott	04-19-2012	89	Rockport
Charlotte Stambaugh	04-23-2012	82	Thomaston
Everett Creighton	05-01-2012	85	Thomaston
Clare Gosselin	05-27-2012	61	Thomaston
Allen West	05-31-2012	31	Thomaston
Paula Jones	06-07-2012	71	Portland
William Martin	06-29-2012	88	Brunswick
Melvina Foster	07-09-2012	82	Rockport
Judith Rock	09-07-2012	75	Portland
Shirley Colson	10-26-2012	55	Portland
George Wheaton	11-01-2012	88	Thomaston
Robert Rogers	11-14-2012	78	Thomaston
George Styles	11-29-2012	90	Portland
Richard Ervin	12-14-2012	78	Thomaston



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CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

VALMORE BLASTOW, JR.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

It is with pleasure we present this report of activity of the Code Enforcement Office for the year 2012 to the inhabitants of the *Town of Thomaston*. As you probably know, Pete Surek retired from this office after 19 years of service in early April 2012. We wish him all of the luck that is possible in his retirement and thank him for many years of fine public service.

Following Pete's retirement, Valmore Blastow, Jr. was appointed interim Code Enforcement Officer and David Martucci was appointed as his deputy. Given both were already town employees—Town Manager and Assessors' Agent respectively—the job was handled on an as-needed basis and some regular filing and similar office type events were not done. As of early 2013, a new full-time Code Enforcement Officer was hired and is now on the job. We heartily welcome Bill Wasson to the job. Bill is fully certified to be a Code Enforcement Officer and his decade of experience as a member of the Thomaston Planning Board will be of high value to both his responsibilities of the job and to the Town.

The Code Officer's duties are basically to handle all complaints and observations regarding violations of the town's Land Use Ordinances, issue all building permits and inspect all development for compliance with the town's ordinances, and to work with and guide all applicants for Variances and Conditional Uses before the Board of Appeals and for Subdivision and Site Plan Review before the Planning Board, among other things.

From 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012 there were 44 building permits issued, of which three were alterations or extensions of prior issued permits. These represented a total of \$16,984,875 in estimated development costs.

The biggest one of these, of course, was the permit issued to Walmart on 3/28/2012, estimated at \$15,800,000. Tractor Supply also began its preliminary process, which will be in the same subdivision as Walmart and will be going forward in 2013.

In addition there were a total of five new dwelling units with the balance of the permits being mainly renovations, remodeling, and out buildings.

In March, the Selectboard approved a new Fee Schedule which converted the old system of fee based on cost of development to one based on square footage and type of development. The Town Meeting in June of 2012 approved the new Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code and a new Commercial Development Code for the town. Essentially any kind of development and most alteration requires a permit so please check with the Code Office BEFORE undertaking any kind of building or development.

There were a number of violations investigated and dealt with including several complaints of problems with apartment units, a shed built within the setback area and with no permit, a septic discharge into the clean water drain, two RVs sited and hooked up to septic with no approvals, the dumping of unauthorized fill material, and a discharge of large amounts of grease into the public sewer.

The Planning Board considered three Subdivision Plans, a small development that will add three new homes to Bobolink Lane, seven lots plus a town park at Thomaston Green on the

former State Prison Site, and a nine lot Mobile Home Park subdivision whose plan was not completed. Just one new Site Plan was considered and approved, for Fabian Oil's bulk fuel storage and loading facility on the Butler Road and an amendment to a previously approved Site Plan for Walmart to change the composition of the parking lot curbing.

We thank the citizens and property owners and developers for their cooperation and patience this past year and look forward to working with our new Code Officer Bill Wasson.

Dave Martucci should be given a hearty thank you for the eight months of daily work in which he handled the bulk of the Code Office!

Respectfully Submitted,

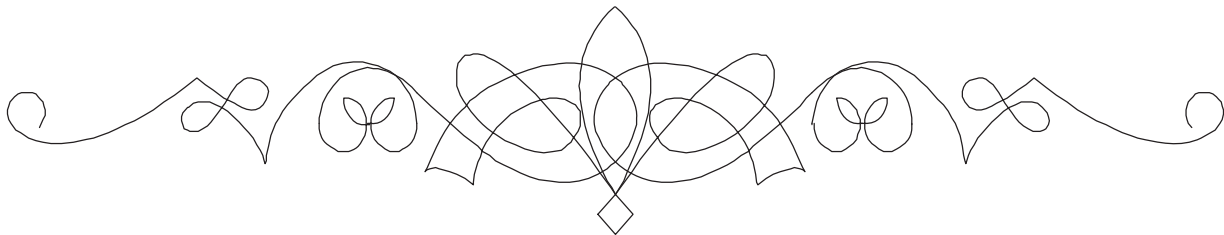
Valmore Blastow, Jr., CEO

David B. Martucci, Deputy CEO

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ROAD COMMISSIONER

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

PUBLIC WORKS/POLLUTION CONTROL

Public Works Director

James Connon

Pollution Control Superintendent

John Fancy

Public Works Employees

Cliff Eugley

John Smith

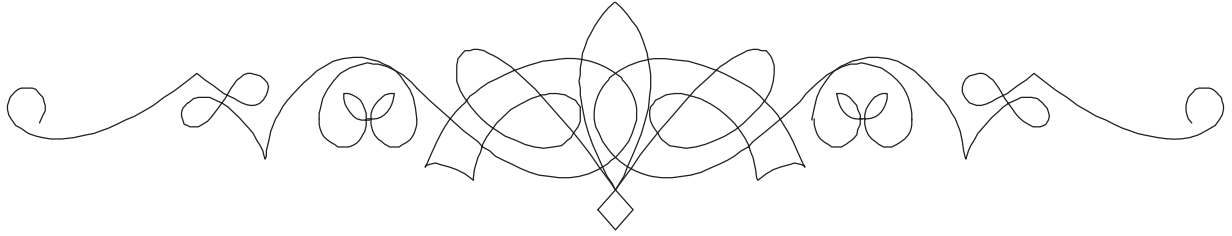
Brandon Allen

Mike Davis

Mike Janczura

Stump Dump

Eugene Colson



TREE WARDEN

Peter Lammert

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

**Peter Lammert
William Curley**

ROAD COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

VALMORE BLASTOW, JR.

ROAD COMMISSIONER

I wish to thank Public Works Director James Connon and staff Cliff Eugley, John Smith, Brandon Allen, Mike Davis, and Michael Janczura for all the dedicated work and long hours in the winter they provide to ensure the streets and ways of Thomaston are properly maintained in a safe and satisfactory condition at all times.

The Town's streets, sidewalks, and other ways are in a continuous state of improvement. The Town expended \$80,632 for street paving in 2012. Since 2005-2006 the Town has expended \$545,710 or \$68,000 average per year. At the 2012 price of \$74.20 per ton, this is equal to 916 tons per year or approximately one of the 21.71 miles of Town road. This equates to a twenty year cycle, and I believe that a twelve to fifteen year cycle is appropriate, recognizing some streets wear faster than others and always will be based on traffic and the road base.

This year's snow removal was calculated at 96.5 inches of snow at a cost of \$3,578 per mile for the 27.22 miles maintained which includes State Aid Roads. The \$97,410 of the cost included \$36,465 for the purchase of 1,181 yards of sand and 283 tons of salt. Note: the Town has discontinued the use of liquid calcium pretty much based on corrosion concerns. It also included 338 manhours of hauling snow off to a different location. The total miles plowed by lane equals 10,798.

The Town continues to work towards upgrading major infrastructure. Over the past ten to fifteen years:

- a) Oyster River Bridge was replaced in 2004; the Greenhouse Road Bridge in 1997; the Wadsworth Street railroad overpass bridge in 2002. The Wadsworth Street Bridge over the St. George River is slated for 2015.
- b) Route 1 East 1.89 miles of highway project reconstruction in 2008
- c) Realignment of Buttermilk Lane to Dexter Street with traffic light in 2005
- d) Repair of West Meadow Culvert Bridge in 2010
- e) Replacement of Thomaston Street Culvert Bridge by Rockland in 2011
- f) Installed railroad crossing signals at Elliot Street, Green Street, and closed Mechanic Street. We currently have a request before MDOT for safety signals at Knox Street crossing.

Project #017890 Route 1 through Thomaston Village for highway reconstruction is funded for 2014-2015 which includes sidewalks on both the north and south sides of the corridor.

The Town continues with sidewalk repair and replacement. Green Street is slated for 2013-2014 along with Safe Route to School and CDBG Grant Fund at the Business Block rear. The Town has expanded sidewalks to total 7.02 miles with twenty-four sidewalks with a total of thirty-five different sections. The major portion of sidewalks have been installed new or repaved since 1996. The areas that remain in poor condition and only

repaired include Elliot Street, Dunn Street, Elm Street, portion of Gleason Street, Knox Street, Green Street, Main Street Mall, Roxbury Street, all of which are being reviewed in the long range planning.

The Town further worked in cooperation with Rockport and Rockland on a joint Micro-Corridor Plan through Eric Gallant of the Regional Planning Commission to address impacts in regards to vehicle traffic and safety for the three communities focused primarily on Old County Road and to be submitted to MDOT.

The Town worked on a Knox County Transit Plan for providing bus transportation from Thomaston to Camden.

The Town continues for the past twenty years to have ongoing discussions of an alternate road from Route 1 at Oyster River Road across the north side of Town to Morse's Corner on Old County Road. This will be paramount to Main Street for both the businesses and the homes in the future as the traffic increases. I recently found where it was not a new thought as it appears drawn on a 1952 map of the Town. Some plans never cease, but some are accomplished. This is an important one.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT

JAMES CONNON

DIRECTOR

It is with great pleasure that I present to the citizens of Thomaston this report of the Public Works Department for 2012/2013.

This was the 11th year the town plowed the roads as well as doing the salting and sanding. We had a snow accumulation for the 2012 calendar year of 55 inches. Before the snow fell we cut back the shoulders of the roads to allow for ease in plowing. This work included trimming of the bushes and limbs along the roadsides. The Town hauled their own sand in the Sterling Dump Truck as well as the 2002 dump truck saving the extra delivery fees again this year.

In preparation for the paving projects we had planned for 2012 we replaced culverts and ditched alongside some of the roads that were slated for the resurfacing. The manhole, catch basins and clean water drain covers were raised. Paving was done on West Meadow Road and Fluker Street. The Maine Department of Transportation paved Wadsworth Street and the Brooklyn Heights Road.

This year we also graveled and graded Greenhouse Hill Road, the Butler Road off Buttermilk Lane, and the Water Tower Road. Each year we are seeing improvement in the gravel roads, turnarounds and parking areas.

Some special projects this past year were to continue to organize the area around the Public Works Garage to allow us more storage space. We also worked laying in new drainage pipe and catch basins on Fluker Street to alleviate the drainage problems there as well as installing a new drainage system on The Town Forest Road towards the Pollution Control Plant. We also hauled wood chips to the Transfer Station and distributed it around the perimeter for erosion control.

Steven McGee Construction did the Phase #2 Sewer Project on Brooklyn Heights Road and Sunrise Terrace. They also installed new sewer lines on Gleason Street from Fish to Roxbury and on Roxbury Street from Main to Gleason. They also did the work on the old prison site and installed sewer lines, catch basins, storm drains and water mains. As part of the project a new sidewalk and roadway were built. The weather turned before they could complete all the paving of the road and sidewalk so they will finish it in the spring.

In addition to the special projects, we also completed the usual day to day tasks that keep the Town running. We normally do such things as mowing the municipal properties, cleaning of sewers and storm drains, repairing catch basins, replacing and removing the floats at the Public Landing, painting the crosswalks, sweeping the roadsides and sidewalks, maintaining the Main St. planters and set-up and take down for the July 4th Celebration. In conjunction with the Tree Warden Peter Lammert we also help to plant new trees around Town and clean-up those that were taken down or limbed. This past year we also cleaned out many of the sewer lines around Town as well as storm drains.

Improvements were made at the Town Garage in 2012 with the installation of new siding, insulation, six new windows and a new side entry door. A new modine heater was installed in the two bays that previously were not heated, with all these improvements to the building we hope to see significant savings in heating oil.

I would like to thank all of my crew for their hard work and dedication in helping to keep Thomaston running smoothly. Thanks go to Cliff Eugley, John Smith, Brandon Allen, Mike Davis and Mike Janczura. I would also like to thank Tim Hoppe, Kevin Haj and Peter Lammert for their help with the winter storms.

Should you have any questions or concerns please call me. I can be reached at the Town Garage at 354-2478 or on my mobile phone at 691-1316.

POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT REPORT

JOHN FANCY

SUPERINTENDENT

In the spring of 2012, George Hall & Sons completed the sewer replacement and storm drain upgrade on Wadsworth Street in the first phase of the Wadsworth Street/Brooklyn Heights Sewer Replacement Project. In the summer MDOT paved the street adding a final touch to this portion of the project.

The second phase of this project was bid in February and the successful contractor was McGee Construction from Gardiner. Work started in May and continued through the rest of the year. The project replaced the old sewer on Brooklyn Heights Road and the sewers on Sunrise Terrace, Sunset Street and Natalie Court. A new pump station at the end of Sunrise Terrace allowed the sewer to be extended to serve all the houses on that street. All the houses abutting the new sewers have new services going back to the property line or, in some cases, all the way to the building. The storm drain on the end of Sunrise Terrace was also replaced. The project was expanded in the fall to replace the old clay sewers on Gleason Street from Roxbury to Fish Streets and on Roxbury from Gleason to Main Streets. This work was made possible because the costs for the rest of the project were less than expected.

McGee Construction also began work to extend the sanitary sewer, the water main, storm drains and a road into Thomaston Green. This is being done to encourage future development of this site. The utilities are complete but the road will not be finished until the spring of 2013.

In 2012 the treatment facility treated and discharged about 116 million gallons of wastewater. Of this, 74.5 million gallons was land applied and an additional 41.5 million gallons was discharged to the river.

In closing, the Department remains dedicated to the efficient treatment and environmentally sound disposal of Thomaston's wastewater and the protection of our groundwater and surface water. Thanks to the citizens of Thomaston for their support.

TREE WARDEN'S REPORT

PETER LAMMERT

TREE WARDEN

The majority of the tree work that was done in 2012, consisted in removing hazard trees as well as one medium sized American Elm that was growing near the south west corner of Gleason and Pine Streets that within a two week time frame died from Dutch Elm Disease.

There were 11 other trees that were removed, some by our public works department, and some by Transformers Aerial Bucket Co. The wood and branches from all of the trees was removed to the stump dump North of the cemetery on Dwight Street where the wood is available for those who burn wood. The public works crew also helped to do some major pruning of branches that were interfering with truck travel on our town roads. There are still several dead trees to be removed but they are in non-hazardous locations.

There seems to be a number of the old trees planted in the era of the great Elm Tree planting that are dying of old age. Red maples are particularly prone to quick decay once they lose a main branch.

This same public works crew has started doing the job of bolting together trees that are split. This requires drilling holes in the separate branches and then inserting 1" diameter threaded rod with which to pull the two sides back together.

No street tree planting was done as I was constantly busy with take downs, pruning or the bolting together of split trees. I hope to get back to roadside planting this coming year.

The tree trimming crews employed by Central Maine Power to trim around the power lines were back doing more areas that had not previously been trimmed.

I also re-trimmed some of the trees that had branches removed by the crews doing sewer replacement work in various streets around town.

I still have elms available for planting if you would like to plant your own. Please contact me to get one.

Requests for information about back yard trees increased this past year as never before. I had to tell some property owners that it was too late for saving some trees while others could still be pruned or braced. There is no fee for this service.

Again I thank the crew from Thomaston Public Works for all their help in the work that is done, without their help, I could not get much done with the budget I work with.

Call anytime you have concerns or questions about your trees.

Peter Lammert, Licensed Maine Arborist Licensed Maine Forester Tel 691-2900

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

PETER LAMMERT

REPRESENTATIVE

Municipal Solid Waste and the collection of recyclable materials from residents and taxpayers in Thomaston takes place at the transfer station on Buttermilk Drive in Thomaston.

The facility is a three (3) Town Co-Operative serving the towns of Owls Head, South Thomaston and Thomaston. It is open from 8 AM to 4 PM on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

During 2012, 4,032 tons of municipal solid waste was hauled to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Facility (PERC) in Orrington where it is burned to make electricity. This is 10 tons less than was shipped in 2011. Our all-time high volume was 4,495 tons in 2006.

The volume recycled in the two single stream roll off containers is more than in 2011 but because of the early date of this report, the figures have not been received. In 2011, 158 tons was recycled.

About half way through the year, the Co-Op switched recyclers for fluorescent lamps CFLs etc. and the figures for the year are not available as of this report.

The Co-Op spent a total of over \$43,000 to eliminate the “metal pile” that had been on the ground on the east side of the facility since it opened in 1984. This was required by DEP and it was not until long after the pile of metal and 156 tons of what was considered “Dirty Dirt” was removed that the Co-Op received the go ahead from DEP for the long planned expansion.

Other than the money assessed each town on a census per capita figure, our main source of income was from the metals dropped off at the facility both from the user fees and then from the sale of the metal. The amount of metal received at the facility has decreased and the loss of the offsetting income is part of the increased operating costs for 2013. Among other increases are trucking and wages.

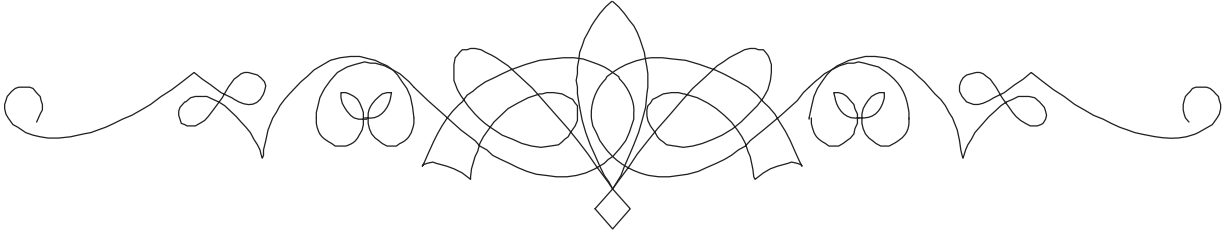
The Co-Op is planning on the long awaited expansion this coming summer. Plans are being finalized and will go out to bid for the various parts of the rebuild. There will be water available from Maine Water for the first time.

New stickers, to identify the vehicles as coming from one of the three partner towns, will be necessary as of January 2nd, 2013. They have been available since November 22nd and will be good until December 31, 2014. The cost of the stickers, which will be a bright yellow, is \$5 for two years which is a nickel a week. We are hopeful that the staff will not have to endure the grief from users who cannot get their act together to get a new sticker.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

CHIEF

Kevin Haj

SERGEANT

Tim Hoppe

PATROL OFFICERS

Michael Blais

Max King

RESERVE OFFICERS

David Cyr

Rod Grindell

Olaf Siaud

Thomas Eager

John Palmer

Jacob Grinnell

TRAFFIC CONTROL

Peter Lammert

Jonathan Grout

Phil Netzorg

John Fochtman

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

KEVIN HAJ

POLICE CHIEF

Greetings from the Thomaston Police Department:

Again it gives me great pleasure to submit this annual report. By the time this letter is published we will have completed two National drug take back programs. During the first program in the fall we collected almost 75 pounds of outdated, unwanted prescription medications. These were taken and incinerated by the Drug Enforcement Agency. This kept the medications out of our landfills and water systems. Mostly it keeps these medications out of the hands of persons that would use them for illicit purposes.

The next program will be conducted on April 27th along with the introduction of the 'Yellow Dot Program'. The Yellow Dot Program is a new safety initiative designed to put important medical information into the hands of emergency responders. The presence of a yellow sticker on the driver's side rear window signifies to emergency first-responder personnel that vital medical and emergency contact information is available on site. The yellow dot will be able to put important medical information into the hands of emergency personnel at the scene of an accident or other medical emergency, during the 'golden hour' of emergency or trauma care. Keep an eye out on the local media for more information on the 'Yellow Dot Program' it is free.

The department purchased two new Dodge cruisers last fall. I hope you notice them patrolling your neighborhood. We have been aggressively patrolling the side streets in town in an attempt to curb the speeding complaints. Summonses and warnings have been issued. It seems to be having a positive effect.

The department welcomes full time officer Max King to the force. By the time of this printing, Officer King will have completed the 18 week Basic Law Enforcement Training Program at the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. By the time of Town Meeting Officer King should be fully integrated in the department shift schedule. There are several new part time officers. If you should encounter them, please welcome them.

As we closed calendar year 2012, we did so with 5000 incident entries. These range from administrative calls, building entry, to car crashes, burglary, theft, stolen vehicles, domestics, agency assists, subpoena services, medical assists, traffic stops, OUI's and wanted persons, just to name a few. The complete list and tally is too long to publish here. I will attempt to keep a weekly log in the local paper.

Noted we have had several high profile (at least for Thomaston) burglaries in town. One in particular connected the dots for burglaries and thefts in several different counties. Through cooperation and perseverance, the culprit is awaiting sentencing at this time. Thousands of dollars of personal property has been returned to the rightful owners. We also had a major theft of stainless steel a couple of years ago again the culprits have been

arrested and are awaiting their day in court. Some of these investigations were greatly enhanced because members of the public provided valuable information. It shows what we can accomplish as a TEAM.

What's ahead? I will tell you, it is Training, Training, Training! This is a constant within the Department as we are mandated by law to maintain a certain amount of hours in training every year as dictated by the Maine Criminal Justice Academy. This is not inclusive of the training required for Maine Municipal Association or elective training taken for career enhancement.

I'm getting a lot of questions about the new construction on the east end of town and what effect it will have on the police department. I believe there will be some impact, but we will gather data first. Then present it to leadership before any decisions are made.

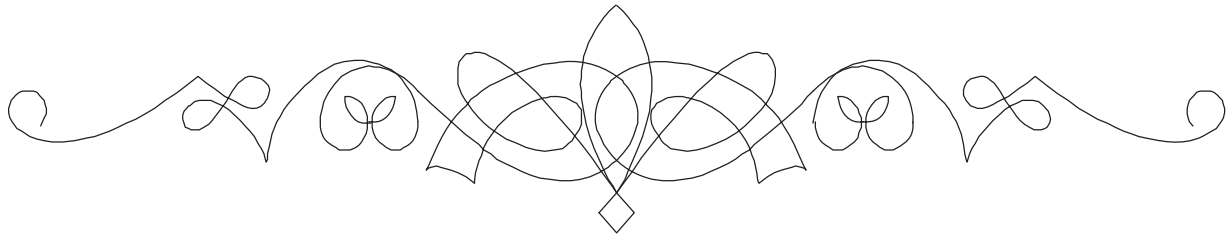
Some of the activity in the police department quite often unseen is animal control. Robert Robinson our ACO does a fantastic job, but please do not forget that this is a part time position and you may have to wait a while for him to respond to your complaint. Every time there is a large fire or motor vehicle accident, we have a small group of citizens appointed as traffic control officers who respond to the scene. They come at all hours of the day and night, and do a good job, so please give them a break at emergency scenes.

The Explorer Post continues to engage young people who are interested in the law enforcement profession. This is a division of Scouting. Each year the Explorers hold a charity golf match organized by Sargent Tim Hoppe which continues to benefit different organizations. In 2012, as Hurricane Sandy devastated the New York and New Jersey areas Sargent Hoppe organized a toy drive to benefit the children of his home town in New Jersey, with a Merry Christmas from the many Citizens of Mid-Coast Maine who so generously donated to the cause.

As of January 1, 2013, crash reports are available on line. They can be purchased at www.GetCrashReports.com. If you are involved in a reportable crash, you will receive from the officer, a card about the size of a business card, with the officer's name and case number on it. It also contains the instructions how to retrieve the report online.

There is so much I would like to print but space is a premium. I would like to thank you, the citizens of Thomaston for your continued support. I would also like to thank the Thomaston Fire and EMS Services as well as the Public Works Department for their help during the year.

I reiterate that by knowing and taking care of our neighbors and friends we can continue to make Thomaston a great and safe place to live and work. See our web page at www.Thomastonpolice.net for property check sheets and links to various other organizations.



FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Fire Chief

Michael Leo

Deputy Chief

Mikial Mazzeo

Assistant Chief

Jamie Leo

Captains

Peter Lammert

Frank Brandon

Robert Coombs

Lieutenants

Larry Arbour

Albert Grant

Ben Adams

Firefighters

Arthur Hutchinson

Francis Brandon

Harley Colwell

Jon Grout

Eric Harjula

Thomas Shook

Stewart Woodman

Ed Worthley

Brian Soiett

Floyd Lawrence

Tony Leo

Troy Cossar

Phil Netzorg

Shannon Grout

Michael Cole

George Erickson

Earl Sutherland

Charles Ball

Phil Arsenault

Jr. Firefighters

Richard Rich

Sean Goodine

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

MIKE LEO

FIRE CHIEF

To the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston, it is with pleasure that I present to you the report of the Thomaston Fire Department.

In 2012, we responded to 130 fire calls.

On July 4th we handed out fire prevention information to people visiting the activities. During fire prevention week in October we went to the grade schools and passed out information to the children and gave tours of the station and the fire trucks.

Again the Firemen's Association put up Santa and the Elves on the hill by Montpelier. We would like to thank those of you that made a donation to the association during the year.

Training is done both in house and out of town allowing us to gain the certifications that are required. The training consisted of hose advancement, search and rescue, chimney fire, ventilation, SCBA, and use of tools and equipment and the annual Maine Department of Labor required training.

Changes have been made to the mandatory Maine Department of Labor training to now include annual emergency vehicle driver training, your Fire Department is working to meet these requirements. Drivers of apparatus must first complete a certified driver training program then successfully drive the apparatus through a cone course then drive on the road with a driving instructor. Each piece of apparatus must be driven to prove competency every 3 years.

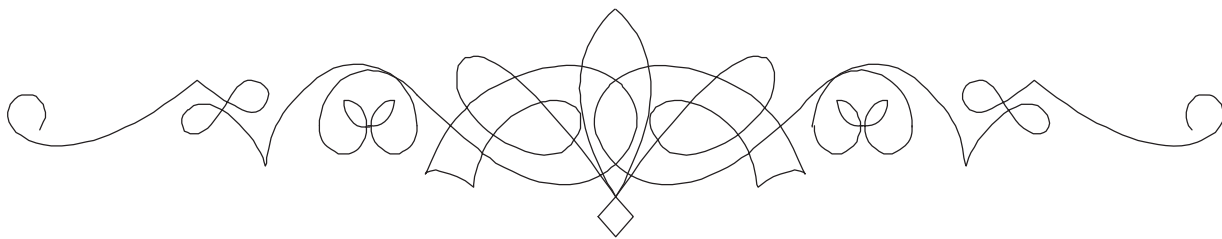
At the 2012 Annual Town Meeting the Citizens approved a Warrant article in the amount of \$50,000.00 to add to the \$350,000.00 that was approved at last year's town meeting for a total of \$400,000.00 for the replacement of Engine 5. As of the writing of this report the truck has been delivered we hope to have it in service by the end of March after everyone has trained on how to operate the Engine.

The department is always looking for new members if you would like to join the department or would like more information please call 354-6345. We also hold monthly meetings at the station on the first Monday of the month starting at 7:00 PM.

I would like to thank the fire department members, for their support, hard work and dedication as well as the Town Manager and his staff, Board of Selectmen and the various departments for their help during the year.

Please remember that any and all burning requires a permit under Maine State Law.

Chief Mike Leo



AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

Director

Rusty Barnard – EMT - Paramedic

Deputy Director

MEMBERS

**Alan Leo -EMT
Jamie Leo -AEMT
Carrie Adams -Paramedic
Jody Dinsmore -AEMT
Abby Planetta -Paramedic
Ben Adams -EMT
Earl Sutherland -AEMT
Jennifer Blackington -AEMT
Kari Brooks -AEMT**

**Tony Leo -EMT
Floyd Lawrence -EMR
Pete Lammert -Driver
Lisa Brandon -EMT
Charlie Ball EMT
Kelly Ball -EMT
Carl Anderson -AEMT
Frank Brandon -Driver
Francis Brandon -Paramedic**

**EMT – Emergency Medical Technician
AEMT – Advance Emergency Medical Technician
EMR – Emergency Medical Responder**

AMBULANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ALAN LEO

DIRECTOR

To the Town Manager, Board of Selectman and Citizens of Thomaston, it is with pleasure that I present to you the Report of the Thomaston Ambulance Service.

The service responded to over 500 calls during the year. This is in line with other years. We have 20 members and most are licensed as EMT's at various levels. Even though this is a significant number of people, we still look for more new members as we continue to struggle to cover the evening shifts. All of our members work very hard to combine work, family life and life as an EMT, to provide the best care possible for the citizens of the town. Our meetings are on the first Tuesday of each month. If you would like more information please call me at 354-6345 ext.230.

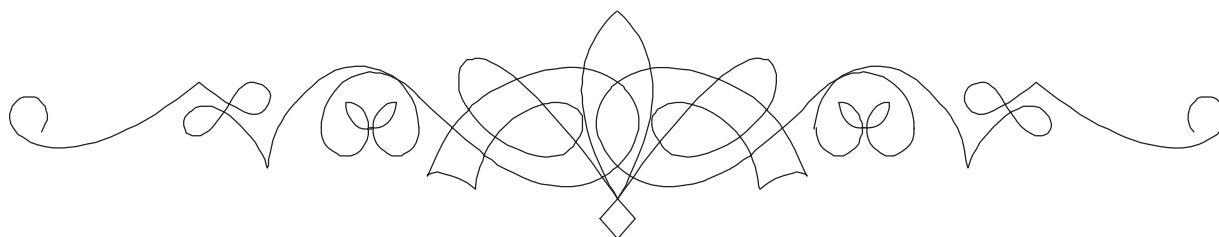
During the year we have provided many training sessions to our members. Eight of our members attended the annual three day Midcoast EMS Educational Seminar held at the Samoset in Rockport every year. Some of our members traveled to other cities and states for training. Training topics covered were cardiac events, respiratory emergencies, IV access, diabetic emergencies, drug overdoses, especially Bath Salts, vehicle extrication, pediatric trauma, cardiac arrests, multi trauma injuries, ambulance vehicle operations carbon monoxide emergencies and MEMS Treatment Protocol review. We also must comply with yearly OSHA mandated training classes, the Town of Thomaston's Risk Management Training program, as well as many Federal and State mandated training. All of this training amounts to hundreds hours annually, most of which can only be obtained on nights or weekends.

I can't begin to thank the members for all that they provide to the town throughout the year. The sacrifices they make for the town are huge, unselfish and mostly overlooked by those who are helped. They are proud of their commitment to our community, and our community should be proud that they are there for them.

It is with deep regret that I also report that due to a conflict of interest with my job at the Maine Bureau of EMS, it was determined that I had to end my tenure as the Director of the Thomaston Ambulance Service in January after 10 years in that position, Rusty Barnard was appointed the new Director. I will remain as an active EMT, with the service.

I would like to thank the members of Thomaston Ambulance, the Citizens of the Town of Thomaston, the Town Manager, Town Office Staff, Board of Selectman, and Budget Committee, Fire, Police and Public Works Departments and most of all my family for all of their help and support during my term as Director. It has been my extreme pleasure to serve the Town and I congratulate, and support Rusty in his new role.

Last but not least I would like to thank the families of everyone involved. Without your support and strength we could not do what we do day after day. Your sacrifice, so that we may continue what we do, is the greatest one. Please remember.... Your Life Is Our Life.



PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Alan Leo

207-354-6107

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER'S REPORT

Alan Leo

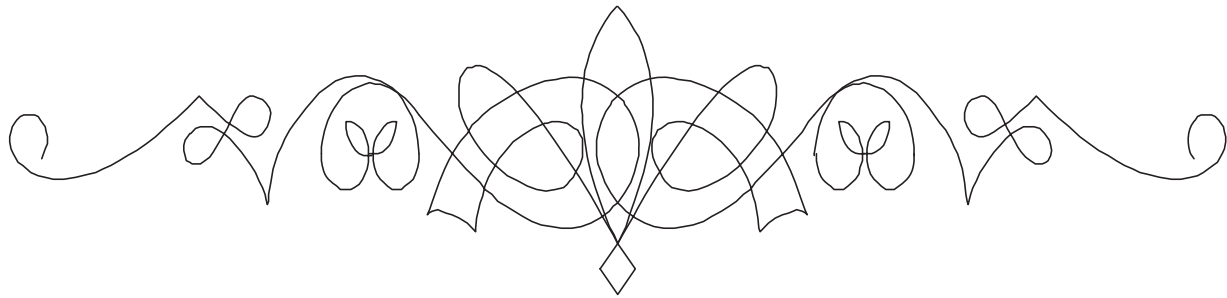
Health Officer

To The Town Manager, Board of Selectman and Citizens of the Town of Thomaston. I present to you the annual report of the Local Health Officer.

The Local Health Officer is a State of Maine mandated position that involves working with the Federal and State Centers for Disease Control, Maine Health Alert Network, Code Enforcement Office, and any citizen who requests assistance. In 2012 I had one citizen request to investigate an odor in the home. I have taken the LHO training and receive daily reports and updates of medical illnesses that are identified especially the seasonal flu. If necessary these updates are passed on to the appropriate people and departments. While this is not a very busy role in town government it is a very useful role when needed.

Respectfully submitted,

**Alan P. Leo,
Thomaston Local Health Officer**



ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Robert Robinson

207-542-5301

SHELTER PROVIDER

Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County

594-2200

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER'S REPORT

Robert Robinson

ACO

It is my honor to serve the citizens and animals of Thomaston as I have for the past four years.

As we move into 2013, I still find the issue of dogs at large to be ongoing. A dog at large is defined as being off the owner's property without the owner being present. Title 7 Section 3911 reads as follows:

It is unlawful for any dog, licensed or unlicensed to be at large, except when used for hunting. This means that the dog needs to be under the owner's control either by voice or leash at all times.

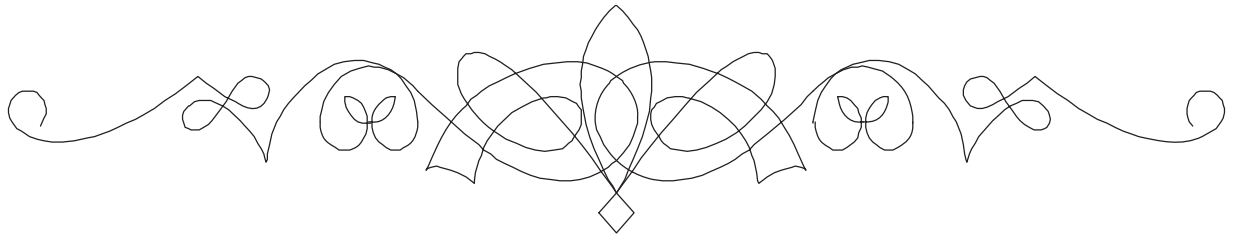
In the State of Maine all dogs over the age of six months are required to have a current rabies shot and be licensed. A dog license is issued for each calendar year (January 1st through December 31st) however the State of Maine allows the owner(s) until Feb. 1st before a late fee of \$25.00 per dog is assessed along with the licensing fees.

Another issue is missing cats. If you allow your cat to go outside please consider placing a collar with an identification tag attached this will save a lot of anguish should the cat get lost. State law also requires that cats have a current rabies vaccination although there is no way to ensure that this is done since cats are not license. For your cat(s) and your own protection please ensure any cat going outside have its vaccinations.

A lot of other calls that I receive involve pets being outside without proper shelter. All pets outside for any length of time must be provided with adequate shelter from the elements whether it be heat, rain, snow or cold. In all cases if the pet is confined outside for any length of time you must provide the shelter as well as water and food.

Owning a pet is a lifetime responsibility and has associated cost for food, shelter, vet care and other items needed to keep your pet healthy and happy. Potential pet owners are urged to keep these considerations in mind before getting a pet.

Remember to treat your pets with the love and care they deserve and you will see it returned in kind.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

354-6107

EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST:

Town of Thomaston

Emergency Fire/Ambulance/Police CALL 911

Administrative Calls:

EMA Director:	Valmore Blastow	354-6107
Fire Chief:	Michael Leo	975-0096
Police Chief:	Kevin Haj	354-2511
Ambulance Director:	Ruston Barnard	542-0494
Knox County EMA:	Ray Sisk	594-5155
Knox County	Sheriff Dept.	594-0429

Knox RCC 593-9132

State Police: 1-800-452-4664

HazMat Spill reporting-

National Response Center 1-800-424-8802

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

Director

The Town continues to provide emergency preparedness in concert with Knox County Emergency Management Agency and Maine Emergency Management Agency. MEMA awarded the Town an approved \$11,336 budget for the Town's Emergency Management Work Plan. The approved expenditures are matched with Town funds in the ongoing Work Plan.

The Town has completed or is proposing correction on the following hazard Mitigation Projects:

- 1) West Meadow Road Bridge Culvert (completed)
- 2) Equip all firefighters with wildfire personal protection equipment (PPE) (completed)
- 3) Gilcrest Street stormwater drainage project (completed)
- 4) High Street and Marsh Road stormwater drainage project (completed)
- 5) Main Street to School Street drainage across the Mall – part of Route 1 Project #017890 plus federal earmark.

The Town received \$5,368 for the federal period ending September 30, 2012 in Emergency Management Plan Grant Funds.

FEMA issued a new Risk Map Discovery of Mid-Coastal Watershed Map for Thomaston. This map recognizes the corrected flooding problem for years on Route 1 at Dexter Street which was corrected by Thomaston Economic Development work, i.e. Dragon TIF, i.e. the East Sewer Project, i.e. Lowes, i.e. MDOT received \$1.2 million and reconstructed the Route 1 highway, and Lowes built a retention pond.

The Knox County EMA Office relocated to 301 Park Street and has issued a new "Your Family Emergency Preparedness" guide. Copies are available at the Town Office or on the website at <http://town.thomaston.me.us>.

The major event was Hurricane Sandy on October 28, 2012 which was downgraded through the weekend to a tropical storm with winds of 30 to 45 miles with gust to 60 knots. The Town maintained staff such as Fire and Ambulance at the Fire Station. The Public Works Director was activated during the event. The Police Chief prepared to open Watts Hall as shelter, but the area did not take a direct hit typical of New Jersey.

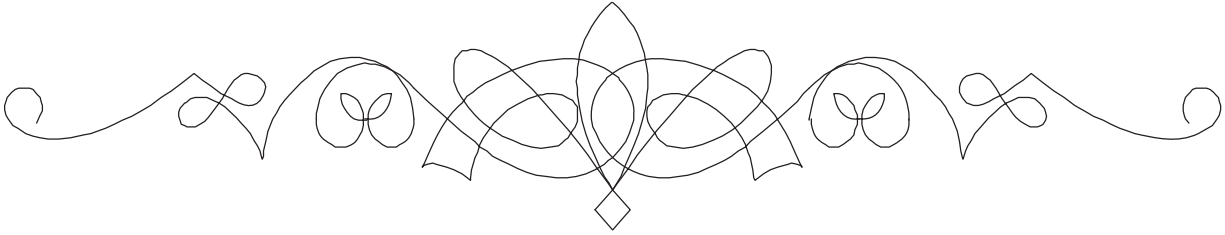
I wish to thank all the Public Safety Staff and paid volunteers. It's their efforts and actions that make preparedness effective as they move into an action mode, and not what we write on paper.

Thank you, Fire Chief Mike Leo, Police Chief Kevin Haj, Ambulance Director Alan Leo, Public Works Director Jim Cannon, and all your staff.

RECREATION & LEISURE



**Recreation Personnel
Recreation Director's Report
Conservation Commission Members
Conservation Commission's Report**



RECREATION COMMITTEE

Darryl Townsend	Term Expires 2015
Carol Arsenault	Term Expires 2014
Beth Anthony	Term Expires 2013
Valerie Allis	Term Expires 2013
Tara Murray	Term Expires 2013
Todd Boynton	Term Expires 2014
Scott Strong, Alternate	Term Expires 2013
Ricky Jones, Alternate	Term Expires 2014
John Chandler, Senior Citizen	Term Expires 2015
High School Student, Vacant	

RECREATION DIRECTOR

Misty Start

RECREATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT

MATT JUDKINS

DIRECTOR

On behalf of the Thomaston Recreation Department and the Thomaston Recreation Committee, the following is a detailed report highlighting our programs and activities for the fiscal year 2011-12.

This past year we were able to successfully offer numerous recreational programs for those of all ages. In 2012 alone over 400 children, 100 adults and 75 senior citizens participated in programs and activities sponsored by the Thomaston Recreation Department.

In terms of progress, the Recreation Department has made tremendous strides over the last twenty years to offer numerous programs, youth sports leagues, clinics, activities and events, especially keeping in mind we're still a small community. In terms of youth sports leagues, we have continued to offer the fundamental athletic programs (baseball, softball, basketball, soccer), while continuing to add to those programs. The table below represents the growth in the our program offerings in the last twenty years-

<u>Thomaston Recreation Programs</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>2012/13</u>
Youth Sports Leagues	7	11
Sports Clinics (Summer, preseason, out of season)	2	12
Adult Programs	1	6
Programs for all ages	0	5
Senior Programs	3	4
Special Events (Tournaments, etc)	1	6

This past year saw the addition of two entirely new leagues for youth soccer and basketball, as well as an updated format for youth basketball. The restructuring of these programs takes many hours of scheduling, rule adaptation, sign ups, meetings (coaches and local recreation directors) and trial and error. The ultimate goal of all this planning is to make the quality of our programs the best it can be for our community.

One of the new programs this fall was a first and second grade co-ed soccer league, which featured three Thomaston teams. Our teams competed in four on four games against teams from St. George. Providing kids the opportunity to participate on structured teams a year or two earlier than in past years gives them a tremendous learning advantage, not only in terms of rules and development but also in areas such as teamwork, sportsmanship and commitment.

A major challenge in offering youth sports programs in the Mid-Coast area is projecting participation numbers over an extended period of time. With local school enrollment fluctuating, it's extremely difficult to predict how many children will be participating in

programs, even with increased advertising/marketing and numerous sign ups. In order to help stabilize numbers for our youth basketball programs, we added fourth grade children to our fifth and sixth grade league this year. With this restructuring, a new second and third grade local league was created, with teams from Thomaston, St. George and Cushing involved. Again, by offering programs and leagues for area youths at a younger age, it can only benefit their development.

In addition to offering additional recreational programs and activities, we have improved our means of communication and accessibility by maintaining a fully functioning webpage, Facebook page, Twitter address, and email list (which includes over 500 members). Announcements, notifications, and schedules for our programs are updated daily with the help of these online tools, making it nearly impossible to use the excuse of “not hearing about it”. The recreation committee passed a policy last spring to ensure that all Recreation Department schedules (game/practice), events, and programs be listed on our website calendar. Message boards at local schools and ball fields are also updated daily and weekly with schedules, flyers, etc.

Instead of listing each program/sport/activity by season, we will instead address specific accomplishments made in the 2012/13 year.

The Recreation Committee passed an amended “Coaches Policy” which outlined subjects such as scheduling, proper communication (between participants, parents, facility managers and the recreation director), rule explanations, sportsmanship, development and structure. Each coach must attend an interview night for each specific season as well as read and return a signed copy of the coach’s agreement before being approved.

For the third consecutive season, the Thomaston Little League girl’s softball team captured the Knox Suburban League championship with a win over Appleton. A special thanks to the coaches, parents and volunteers during the season. Great job girls!

The Recreation Department offered a formal, four week summer sports clinic program to area youths. Ages ranged from third to eighth grade, and participants from over a dozen communities took advantage of clinics. Between baseball, soccer, basketball, and softball, over 150 area children attended, which featured area high school and college coaches. A special thanks to our program sponsors, including Rock Coast Plumbing & Heating, KDK LLC, Domino’s Pizza, The Free Press/Courier Publications, Athen’s Pizza, and CM & Son Flies. We plan to continue offering outstanding quality summer sports clinics and hope to add to our program list. This year’s summer clinic program listings should be available in mid-April.

Although our numbers have remained strong, local area Little League numbers have been inconsistent at best. In order to generate stability with area leagues, the former league we were involved in (Knox Suburban Little League) has been disbanded. This is also a part of a proposal by Little League International to have teams compete with other teams in their school districts. This season our teams (baseball and softball) will be taking part in a “Pilot Program” with Rockland Little League with the intentions of becoming a full-fledged

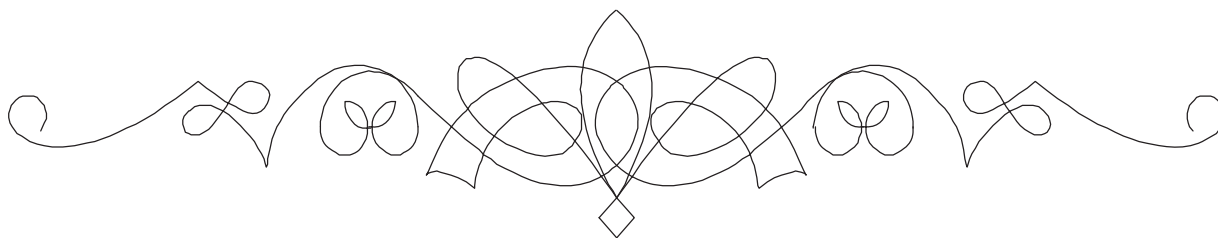
member in 2014. Thomaston (as well as St. George) will keep their community teams, but play all games against Rockland Little League members. The playoff tournament and all-star teams will also be joined together. This merger is advantageous in many ways, including geographically (road games only in Rockland and St. George), competitively (Little Leaguers will be playing on district teams starting as soon as 7th grade), and creating a central league is always beneficial. The last six months have been filled with league/board meetings, numerous emails, scheduling, and cooperation from all sides in order to make this merger successful. Many thanks to Dana Verge, Paul Kennedy, Wayne Judkins, Tom Peaco and all of the Rockland Little League Board for their flexibility and continuous planning. Now comes the easy part- the games!

After a few years of not having a senior citizen member on the Recreation Committee, we'd like to welcome John Chandler of Thomaston to our group. In the short time he's been with us, John has had some great ideas for our seniors. One of the ideas to better serve our seniors is a town-wide survey for any interested senior citizens to fill out and indicate which activities/trips/etc they'd like to see our Recreation Department. host. The survey will be available in the town newsletter, on the Thomaston Recreation Department. website and at the town office to pick up.

This past year the Recreation Dept. hosted two successful tournaments, the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade youth basketball league playoffs in February and the 14 year old Babe Ruth baseball district tournament in July. These events take many hours of planning, scheduling and volunteer hours, many thanks to those who gave their time to make these events possible.

The annual "Field of Dreams" night in mid- June was again a big success. Competitions for boys and girls in the afternoon include fastest runner, fastest pitch speed, home run derby. Following the kid's activities a softball game between volunteers from the Thomaston Recreation Department and St. George Parks & Rec Dept. was played under the lights. A special thanks to Don Shields, Oceanside High School varsity baseball coach and current players for volunteering their time to help with the kid's competitions.

In closing I'd like to acknowledge a few individuals who also have assisted the Recreation Director in many facets over the year; Troy Smith, Wayne Judkins, Darryl Townsend, Ed Hastings, Jim Leonard, Carol Arsenault as well as all of our youth sports coaches and volunteers. I would also like to thank Town Manager Val Blastow for granting me the opportunity to lead the Recreation Department of Thomaston for the 2011-12 fiscal year, as well as the staff at the town office for always being so helpful and accommodating.



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Philip Janes	Term Expires 2013
Victor Hotho	Term Expires 2013
Terri Estey-Rucevice	Term Expires 2015
Mark Kunz	Term Expires 2014
Cliff Blastow	Term Expires 2016
Sarah Tyler	Term Expires 2016

THOMASTON CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PHILIP JANES

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Thomaston Conservation Commission meets once a month at the Thomaston Pollution Control Plant. Meeting time is normally 6:00 PM. The purpose of the Conservation Commission , as certified by the Ordinance is to maintain or enhance the conservation of natural or scenic resources; protect natural streams or water supplies; promote conservation of swamps, wetlands, beaches or tidal marshes; enhance the value to the public of abutting or neighboring parks, forests, wildlife preserves, nature reservations or sanctuaries, also to enhance or affect public recreation opportunities and to promote a deep understanding and appreciation of the ecology, natural history and cultural history of the watershed.

The following are the activities of the Thomaston Conservation Commission:

We wanted to extend our hiking trail network and we found the Town owned property near Mill River was used by some folks for walking their dogs and bird watching. It was decided that this would be an ideal extension of the trails. This land is located off Fish Street at the end of Roxbury Street.

We reviewed steps needed to pursue this development with the approval of the Select Board. The land borders the Mill River so it was decided to name it “Mill River Park”.

We hired Regina Leonard from a landscape architecture and design company to help with the design plan and the estimated costs. The plan was taken to the Select Board for their input and approval.

Some materials for this project will be donated but some will have to be purchased. We hope that some of the labor to do this job will be provided by the Town with the use of volunteers as well.

The Thomaston Town Forest is used by many people for hiking, dog walking and even hunting. For some time now the Thomaston Conservation Commission has been exploring expanding this area, along with its popular trails, towards the small piece of land the Town already owns on the Oyster River. This waterfront parcel is completely surrounded (on the Thomaston side of the river) by land owned by Brooks Forest Products. A grant has now been received from the Davis Conservation Foundation that will allow the Town to purchase the Brooks property. This will give the Town ownership of approximately 2,200 feet of frontage on the Oyster River.

The Thomaston Conservation Commission, in partnership with the Georges River Land Trust, plans to expand the trail system next year in the Town Forest to include a river-front path. This will open up many more acres of land, preserved in its natural state, for the enjoyment of those who love nature.

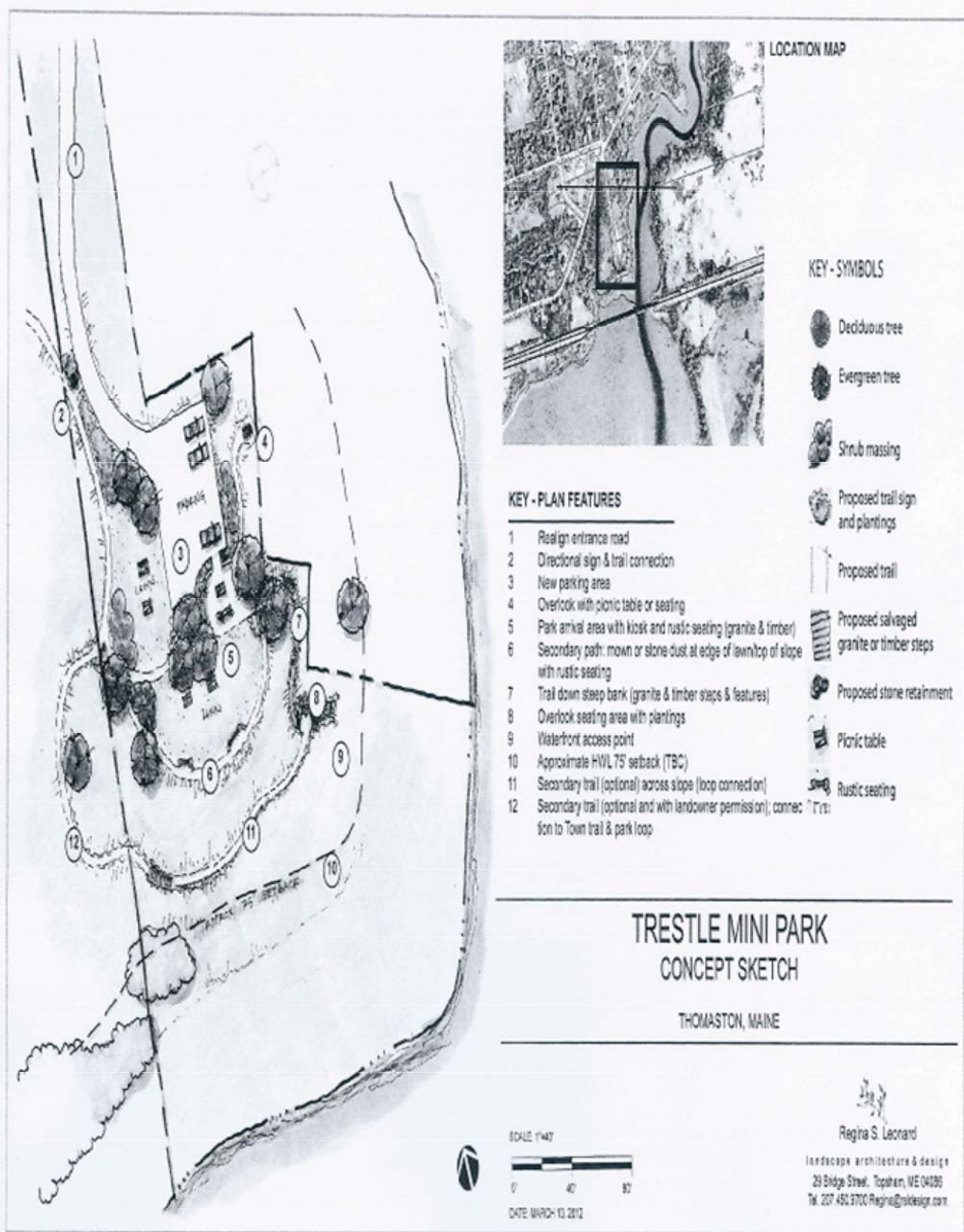
Plans were made to make improvements to the trail entrance at the Thomaston Mountain. The plans included filling rutted areas with wood chips and reducing the incline by using switchbacks to lessen these. This project was completed on April 21, 2012 by a number of commission members and other volunteers. The Commission wishes to thank all who gave of their time and labor to make these important improvements.

The Thomaston Fire Department asked our committee if we would place identifying markers on the trail and map their location in case there is a need to rescue a hiker. We have the trail markers ready and they will be added to existing guide markers after upcoming changes are completed.

Improvements were made to Jack Better Woods. The edges of the parking lot were improved, a new kiosk was installed and some regenerating trees removed. The overall entrance was made more open, Jay Astle's group reported.

The Conservation Commission received an award from the Maine Chapter of the Wildlife Society, in 2012 in recognition presented to the Maine Association of Conservation Commission s and Municipal Conservation Commissions.

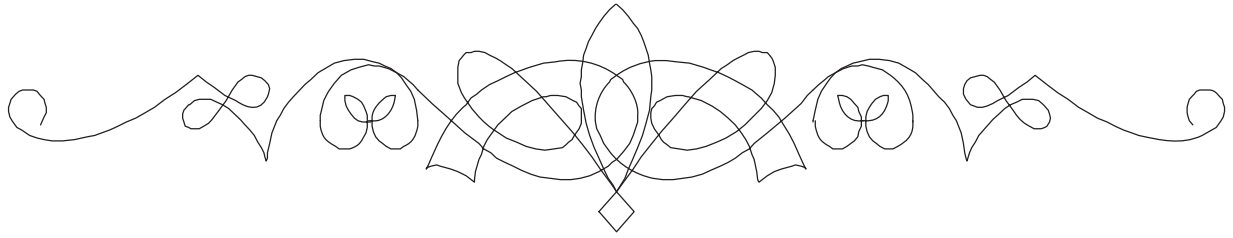
We welcomed two new members this year, Sarah Tyler and Cliff Blastow. We look forward to their contributions.



ASSESSING DEPARTMENT



**Assessing Personnel
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Board of Assessor's Report
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Outstanding Taxes
Property Tax List
Valuation Comparison**



ASSESSING PERSONNEL

Assessors

**A. Fredrick Wigglesworth
Peter Lammert
Joan Linscott**

Assessor's Agent

David Martucci

VALUATION AND ASSESSMENT YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2012

David B. Martucci, CMA

Assessor's Agent

AMOUNT NEEDED TO PAY BILLS

County Tax	348,548	
Municipal Budget	2,844,543	
TIF Financing Plan Amount	835,477	
Education	3,241,524	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	7,270,092	



DEDUCTIONS

State Revenue Sharing	229,294	
Homestead Reimbursement*	63,565	
BETE Reimbursement**	26,511	
Other Revenues	668,073	
LESS ADDITIONAL REVENUES	987,442	
TOTAL TAX NEEDED	6,282,650	

OVERLAY† 18,147

TOTAL TAX RAISED (see below) 6,300,797

Tax Rate Calculation

$$\frac{\text{Total tax plus Overlay } 6,300,797}{\text{Total Taxable Valuation } 375,047,418} = 0.01680$$

*Tax rate is per dollar but can be expressed as
\$16.80 per Thousand Dollars of Valuation*

VALUATION & TAX

Real Estate Value	375,120,053	
Less Exemptions	(49,347,528)	
Personal Property Value	51,904,910	
Less BETE Exemptions	(2,630,017)	
TOTAL VALUATION	375,047,418	
TIMES TAX RATE	x .01680	
TOTAL TAX RAISED	6,300,797	

EXEMPTIONS

	VALUE	TAX
Benevolent & Charitable	3,298,834	55,420
Blind	32,000	538
Fraternal Organizations	925,782	15,553
Homestead	7,567,243	127,130
Literary & Scientific	2,366,329	39,754
Environmental Control	6,714,309	112,800
Religious	4,822,013	81,010
United States of America	1,736,432	29,172
State of Maine	1,882,470	31,625
RSU 13	5,490,701	92,244
Town of Thomaston	13,325,206	223,863
Veteran's Estates	768,000	12,902
Veteran's Posts	418,209	7,026
TOTAL EXEMPTIONS	49,347,528	829,038

Taxes Committed October 2, 2012

* The Homestead Exemption is now \$10,000 per homestead which amounted to a reduction in tax of \$168.00 per recipient. The State of Maine reimburses the Town \$84.00 of this which is 50%. The rest is paid for by all taxpayers.

** The Business Equipment Tax Exemption (BETE) is for some business equipment first placed into service as of 4/1/08. The State reimburses for lost taxes on a sliding scale, this year at 60%, decreasing by 10% each year to 50% although we may be eligible for a base rate of about 57%.

† Overlay is the amount raised above needed taxes. By law, it cannot be more than 5% of the minimum tax needed. It is used to pay for abatements and adjustments to valuation.

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Calendar Year 2012 ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTALS

REAL ESTATE ABATEMENTS			PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS (Continued)		
Barracks, LLC	1,546.07	Error in Assessment.	Cheryl Heal	16.80	Error in Assessment.
Groth, Ashley E. & Adam W.	783.85	Error in Assessment.	Jack's Sandwich Shanty 2009-10	2.51	Too Small or Burdensome*
Rousselle, Buffy S. & Roland P. & Ann Ma	1,338.18	Error in Assessment.	Magic Mountain Daycare	67.20	Error in Assessment.
S&S Properties Trust	4,841.56	Assessed to wrong owner.	Ocean's Edge Electrical	100.80	Error in Assessment.
Senecal, Daniel	2,749.66	Error in Assessment.	SMGG Plumbing & Water	100.80	Error in Assessment.
Shields, John E. & Joanne M.	30.79	Error in Assessment.	We Do Windows	50.40	Error in Assessment.
Smith, Jerry A. & Victoria C.	813.30	Error in Assessment.	Whitten's Wash & Wax/Egg Place 08-09	8.28	Too Small or Burdensome*
Smith, Jerry A. & Victoria C.	645.03	Error in Assessment.	Whitten's Wash & Wax/Egg Place 09-10	7.80	Too Small or Burdensome*
			Whitten's Wash & Wax/Egg Place 10-11	7.16	Too Small or Burdensome*
			Whitten's Wash & Wax/Egg Place 11-12	6.65	Error in Assessment.
PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENTS			TOTAL ABATEMENTS		
Alternative Energies	201.60	Error in Assessment.		13,116.84	
Apotheosis Photography	117.60	Error in Assessment.	* Abatements by Selectmen to clear bookkeeping.		
Arvidson's Gas Works	100.80	Error in Assessment.	SUPPLEMENTAL TAX ASSESSMENTS		
Blue Hill Boat Works	84.00	Error in Assessment.	Payson, Timothy	4,841.56	Assessed to wrong owner.
Building Maintenance & Repair	84.00	Error in Assessment.			

THOMASTON BOARD OF ASSESSORS



Fred Wigglesworth

Peter Lammert

Joan Linscott

Where the Money Goes

Money is voted by the citizens of Thomaston at Town Meeting for all municipal services with the exception of Pollution Control, which is paid for by fees. The total Municipal Appropriation as voted at Town Meeting for 2012/2013 was \$2,844,543, up from \$2,723,739 for 2011/2012.

The Knox County Tax is based on Thomaston's total value as determined by the State Tax Assessor multiplied by the County's mil rate. The Knox County Tax bill for 2012/2013 was \$279,933. Dispatch service for Fire, Ambulance and Police was billed separately for \$68,614, bringing the County total to \$348,548, down from \$369,443 for 2011/2012.

Money for the school for Thomaston under RSU #13 totals \$4,493,244 for 2012/2013 as compared to \$4,552,975 last year for Thomaston; however the State of Maine contributes \$1,251,720 (down from \$1,437,379 last year). After deducting the State share, Thomaston's share to educate our children is \$3,241,524, up from \$3,115,596 for 2011/2012.

This year the Dragon Cement TIF agreement plus the Downtown TIF has an effective appropriation of \$835,477, up from \$789,543 for 2011/2012.

These amounts are added together to make up the total tax liability for the Town of Thomaston, which is \$7,270,092 for 2012/2013, up from \$6,998,321 for 2011/2012.

Where the Money Comes From

However, before taxes are assessed there are some estimated revenues that are deducted to reduce the Property Tax Burden (these numbers may not accurately reflect the amounts actually taken in; we use the best guess on some of them).

<i>Revenue from the State of Maine</i>	<u>2012/2013</u>	<u>2011/2012</u>
● Municipal Revenue Sharing	\$229,294.....	\$284,954
● Homestead Reimbursement.....	\$63,565.....	59,344
● BETE Reimbursement	26,511.....	1,348
● Local Road Assistance.....	27,304.....	27,304
● Veteran's Reimbursement	3,000.....	3,000

● General Assistance Reimbursement	15,000.....	10,000
● Gas Tax Refund	6,200.....	6,200
● Tree Growth Reimbursement	1,500.....	1,500
● Snowmobile Reimbursement.....	400.....	400

Revenue raised in the Town

● Interest on Taxes and Lien Costs.....	41,000.....	41,000
● Permit Fees.....	34,700.....	73,600
● Thomaston Academy Rent and Utilities Reimbursement	24,000	
● Verizon Tower Lease.....	13,200.....	13,200
● Excise Taxes	359,000.....	354,000
● Other Income	142,770.....	148,820

TOTAL REVENUE USED TO OFFSET TAXES \$987,443. \$1,048,670

This leaves \$6,282,649 (which is \$7,270,092 less \$987,443; last year's total was \$5,949,651) to be raised by taxes to cover the Town's financial responsibilities. To this we add the "Overlay," an additional amount authorized by law to be no more than 5% above the minimal needs in order to pay for unexpected things like abatements, etc. This year we added \$18,150 (\$12,758 last year) in Overlay, bringing the total for tax commitment to \$6,300,799 (which is \$6,282,649 plus \$18,150; last year the total was \$5,962,409).

How We Determine the Mil Rate

The "Mil Rate" is the percentage of the Value of property in the town used to determine everyone's fair share of the tax. We take the amount needed to be raised (\$6,300,799) and divide it by the total valuation (\$375,047,528, which is up from \$373,116,951 last year). This yields a decimal percent of .0168, which is better understood when expressed as "\$16.80 per thousand valuation". In other words, for every thousand dollars of value you own, you are assessed \$16.80 as your fair share of the tax. This rate is up sixty-two cents from last year.

Valuation of Property is reviewed annually and the State of Maine requires it to be as of April 1st. For example, if you and your neighbor are building identical homes, but yours is complete on March 31st and your neighbor's isn't, you can expect a difference in the tax for that year. Values are derived, by Maine law, by a strange method that begins with so-called "replacement value" figures, modified by "market forces" data. The Assessor's Agent will explain this process further.

There are different types of property and two basic classes, Real Estate and Personal Property. Not all property is taxable; municipal or State property, non-profit organizations, religious institutions and others are exempt from all or partial taxes. In addition, certain value amounts of property are exempt under certain circumstances, for example for your Homestead or if you're a veteran or blind. A new exemption on personal property was instituted by the State of Maine a few years ago, the Business Equipment Tax Exemption or BETE. Certain types of business equipment may be exempt if the business makes an annual application. Contact the Agent for more information.

In addition, State Law allows the municipality to raise up to 5% more in taxes than we appropriated, in order to cover abatements and adjustments in valuation. This is called the “Overlay”. This year, the maximum overlay we could have raised was \$318,636 but we chose an overlay of \$18,150 which is used to cover abatements and the like. Last year we raised \$12,758.

The Board has its monthly meetings on the FOURTH Tuesday at 6:00 pm to decide on abatements or supplemental tax assessments and to review the progress of the work conducted by the Agent. We feel the current Agent, Dave Martucci, is working out well and we appreciate his hard work. We hope you agree with us.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Fred Wigglesworth , Chairman
Peter Lammert
Joan Linscott**

THOMASTON ASSESSOR'S AGENT



Dave Martucci

Certified Maine Assessor

I have been on the job as your Agent for the Board of Assessors for ten years now, since February 2003 and would like to thank the citizens of Thomaston for being so nice to me. I would especially like to thank the Assessors, Joan Linscott, Pete Lammert and Fred Wigglesworth, Town Manager Val Blastow, former CEO Peter Surek, and the others in the office, Louise, Jodell, and Donna, for helping to make my job easier. Dealing with the Assessor, I know, can be somewhat unsettling and I hope I have been able to listen to each and every one who has come forward and that I have answered your questions.

The past year has seen an increase in volume of home sales but not much change in values. Local sales prices compared with our assessments have remained steady keeping us at 100% of value.

GOALS

My job is to look at the assessments on land, buildings and personal property and make sure that they are:

1. Fair and equitable;
2. Thorough and complete; and
3. In accordance with the standards established by the State of Maine.

It is my goal to see that each and every assessment is done according to the exact same formula and that, in the end, everyone is assessed for taxes in the proper proportion. To this end, I invite you to call or come by with your questions about how we do your assessment and to review anything that you think may be done wrong. Don't hesitate to question what has been done! We will fix any problem, error or inconsistency on any card!

ASSESSMENTS

Residential buildings are valued according to the current Maine Assessment Manual. Each of ten categories of construction quality are rated (foundation, basement, framing, roof, exterior, interior, floors, heating, plumbing and electrical) to arrive at a grade for the home, then the actual condition ranging from 100% (new) down to below 50% (unlivable) is figured. The Maine Manual has charts for square footage of each grade and type of home (1 story, 2 story, split-level, etc.) and a figure is arrived at and discounted by the actual condition and any other extenuating factors, such as location (next to a railroad track or cement plant for example). Additional value for outbuildings are also figured and added in. Please let me know if you want a digital copy of the manual.

Commercial, industrial, farm and other non-residential properties are done in a similar manner, but each different kind of structure and use has its own chart that gives a square foot value that is multiplied by the actual footage to arrive at the value. Then similar discounts and factors as for residential properties are applied.

You should note that residential sales are looked at by location and commercial sales are also looked at separately. Our studies show the residential real estate market is beginning to come back (average selling price is about the same as last year--\$142,626 versus \$141,400—but the number of sales is up significantly—19 versus 5) although keep in mind by law we can only consider the sales of the last full fiscal year for the current assessments, which means the values for the 2012-13 fiscal year reflect the sales during the period 7/1/11 to 6/30/12. Our State-audited Sales ratio came in at 102% of full value this year, which is exactly where they consider us to be at full value (between 97% and 103%). In addition we have a quality rating this year of 16, which is considered acceptable. By law, it cannot be above 20 and anything below 14 is considered good. This rating is determined by the range of assessment ratios from one value to the next in the ratio study. Contact me for more information.

Most people don't seem to realize most every kind of building is assessed for tax purposes. If you tear down an old shed or rip off an old deck or remove an old pool or sauna, it's likely your valuation could be reduced. But I can't do that if I don't know about it! Especially if you don't take out a Demolition Permit. Valuation of your property is certified as of April 1st, so if there have been any changes, be sure to let me know before April 1st.

Also, if your property has changed in other ways, your valuation could be affected. Any general degradation or upgrade to the property should be reported so your property can be reexamined for valuation purposes. Most of the new construction is documented on the building permits, but downgrading is seldom documented.

Maine law allows some limited tax relief in the form of Exemptions and Current Use Programs. For all of these, the filing date to be effective is on or before April 1st for the tax year. There are some key things to know about each of these and I will take each item up separately. As always, do not hesitate to ask about anything if you have further questions.

EXEMPTIONS

There are three basic categories of exemption from Real Estate valuations, *Homestead*, *Blind*, and *Veterans*. The latter has several different subsets—World War I or earlier; Post-World War I; Widows, Widowers, Minor Children and Widowed Mothers of Veterans; and Paraplegic. All exemptions except the Business Equipment Tax Exemption will be carried on the books each year you live here; you do not need to reapply each year.

Some people can qualify for more than one exemption and they are each deducted separately from the valuation. Qualifications for each category can be somewhat complex; do not hesitate to call or come in to discuss any of this in detail. I will always try to help you qualify.

The Homestead Exemption is the most common and it is available to anyone who has owned a homestead in Maine for one year or longer and who currently lives in their homestead here in Thomaston full-time, provided your application is received on or before April first to be valid for the present year. The Legislature mandates each exemption will be worth \$10,000, although half of that amount is to be paid for out of your property taxes and the rest paid for by the State. This adds approximately 1.2% to the Mil Rate.

Anyone who is certified by a Doctor to be legally Blind can receive an exemption of \$4,000, provided your application is received on or before April first to be valid for the present year.

Veterans can get one of several exemptions providing they meet certain requirements. For any exemption they must have been honorably discharged and a resident of the municipality where taxes are assessed, meaning your name must be on the deed, unless you live in Congregate Housing in which case you may also qualify; the process is somewhat complicated so please ask for details if you have such a living arrangement. Unless disabled during active service and receiving disability benefits from Uncle Sam, you also have to be age 62 or older and have served during a recognized War Period. A chart listing these is available on request. The veterans exemption is a reduction of \$6,000 from your valuation before taxes are computed. Paraplegic veterans who have specially adapted housing units get a special exemption of \$50,000. All applications must be received on or before April first to be valid for the present year.

The un-remarried widow, widower, or widowed mother or the estate of minor children of veterans can also claim the same exemptions that would have been granted to the veteran if still alive. Veterans Exemptions are personal to the Veteran so that if both a husband and wife are qualified veterans, they will get two exemptions. If a widow, widower, or widowed mother remarries, she or he will lose the exemption.

Two new periods of service are now covered (August 24, 1982 to July 31, 1984 and December 20, 1989 to January 31, 1990) and anyone who was awarded the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. Vietnam-era Veterans who served between February 28, 1961 and August 5, 1964 no longer have to have served *in* the Republic of Vietnam, although they still have to have served on active duty for 180 days or more. Overall the Vietnam-era period is still listed as February 27, 1961 to May 8, 1975. Veterans still have to be 62 years of age or have been disabled in the line of duty to qualify.

There is now one exemption to Personal Property Taxes, the Business Equipment Tax Exemption or BETE. A business with qualifying equipment placed in service on or after April 1, 2008 may annually file for the exemption. Please let me know if you have any questions or want the application form.

CURRENT USE PROGRAMS

The State of Maine now offers four current use programs that result in lower taxes: *Tree Growth, Open Space, Farmland, and Working Waterfront*. For complete details see Maine Revenue Service Property Tax Bulletins 21 (for Open Space), 20 (for Farmland) and 19

(for Tree Growth). The Working Waterfront is a new classification and new rules are now in effect, but no Tax Bulletin has yet been issued. Contact me for details on this program.

Basically, these programs allow the assessors to value the participating land according to its present use rather than at its highest possible use, as required by law.

InTree Growth, parcels of 10 acres or more managed for commercial wood production according to a Forest Management and Harvesting Plan certified by a Licensed Professional Forester will be valued according to rates set by the Maine Revenue Service. These rates are typically 80 to 90% lower than the regular undeveloped land prices applied throughout the Town. These participants have to recertify their plan every 10 years.

Farmland works much the same way, in parcels of 5 acres or more producing a specified minimum income, with rates for different kinds of productive acreage also set by the Service, except that a local study indicating different rates may be done by the assessors. We have not done this. In addition, a report must be submitted every 5 years giving the income produced by the property for the previous five years. You must show an average of at least \$2,000 in either income or produce consumed each year, excluding wood products.

Open Space has no minimum size but the Assessors must believe the property meets certain criteria. Basically there are three categories of Open Space, *Regular* (which really means just filing the application) qualifies for a 20% reduction in taxes; *Permanently Protected* (meaning there is a Conservation Plan or Easement in place), a 50% reduction; and *Forever Wild* (again, an easement guaranteeing the designation), a 70% reduction. An additional 25% reduction can be applied if the land is available for Public Access, with the maximum reduction being 95% reduction in value for tax purposes.

Working Waterfront also has no minimum size. It is defined as a parcel or portion of a parcel of land abutting tidal waters or is located in the intertidal zone between the high and low water mark the use of which is more than 50% related to providing access to or in support of the conduct of commercial fishing activities. Basically there are two categories of Working Waterfront: *Predominantly Working Waterfront* (meaning used 90% or more for the qualified purposes) qualifies for a 20% reduction in taxes; and *Primarily Working Waterfront* (meaning used 50% or more for the qualified purposes), a 10% reduction. An additional 30% reduction can be applied if the land is permanently protected from a change in use through deeded restrictions.

All of these programs have substantial penalties associated with them when the land is withdrawn for other uses. The only exception to this is if the land is moved from one program to another, for example if you remove it from Farmland or Tree Growth and place it in Open Space.

BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY

Businesses are required by State Law to file a Personal Property Declaration for all items used in business except vehicles or vessels on which you have paid excise tax, all stock in trade held for resale, or real estate (which is otherwise taxable as above). Even property held for rental must be declared as well as any property you lease, even if it is taxable to someone else. If your property has no value, you still must declare it. We have been updating our records on Thomaston's business community; if you have not heard from me this year, please contact the office for a form or for more information. All business property owned as of April 1st must be declared; the deadline for reporting is June 1st. Notices usually go out sometime in March. Please note that if you do not file the town form, you will waive your right of appeal for any tax that may be assessed. We put all property on a depreciation schedule, like what you declare on your IRS Depreciation Schedule, so that as your equipment and tools age, their value drops, ultimately to 30% or less depending on the type of property.

You should note two things: businesses are asked to report their personal property voluntarily, but as I do my inspections, anything not reported will be noted and you could be liable for failure to report. If you have any equipment that qualifies for the new BETE exemption, you must file for that program every year. If you have any questions or have not filled out a personal property tax form, please contact me at once.

ABATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMTALS

If there is some error in figuring your valuation, the Town of Thomaston is committed to fixing it. If this lowers your value and the condition clearly existed before the current assessment year began, then we will abate your tax for the difference. Under the law, you have the right to request abatement within 185 days of commitment for the present tax year; the Board of Assessors will be happy to consider your request. The request for abatement must be on a specific form, available from the Town Office or let me know and I'll mail you a copy. Copies are also available on the Town's web site, <<http://town.thomaston.me.us>>. The Assessors can make any abatement they see fit to correct values at any time during the present tax year, regardless whether you have asked for it or not. The form includes specific instructions, but if you have any questions I'll be happy to help you fill it out.

After one year from the commitment date, you may request abatement from the Selectmen for up to the last three years taxes for any illegality, or irregularity in your assessment (but not plain error). The Selectman can also act on requests for abatement of taxes at any time due to poverty or infirmity. Special forms for this are also available as above.

ABATEMENT APPEALS

If you apply for an abatement and the Board of Assessors does not agree with you and denies the request, you have the right to file an appeal of their decision within 60 days to the Knox County Board of Assessment Review. This board is made up of assessors, appraisers, and other citizens of the county.

STATE CERTIFIED RATIO AND EQUALIZATION

Every year, the State of Maine reviews past real estate sales in the town and compares them to our assessed values. By a simple formula, they develop our State Certified Ratio. This number is used in determining Revenue Sharing, School Subsidy, Exemption Reimbursements and other figures. If the ratio is below 100%, so are the other figures. This includes what you get as a Homestead Exemption, Veteran's Exemption, etc. In other words, the Homestead Exemption will be pegged at \$10,000 this year at 100% Ratio. But if the Ratio falls to 80%, for example, then it is worth only \$8,000. Up until now, we have been able to certify at 100%.

By State Law the overall average Municipal Ratio can not be less than 70% or more than 110%. This past year we were at 102% average assessment ratio, which is considered excellent. We will be able to continue to certify at 100% with no problems. As real estate prices fall, we may revalue our land prices downward but that may not affect your taxes too much as we will still have to raise the amount authorized by town meeting. Usually the only effect a declining market has is to raise the mil rate.

We also have a "Quality Rating" of 16, which is acceptable. Basically this rating is figured from the average deviation between each assessed ratio; by law we must be below 20 for our rating. Anything 14 or below is considered good.

OTHER ISSUES

The Assessors' office has been given expanded duties over the last few years in a number of areas. We are working towards getting the Assessing cards online, and are now doing more of our own GIS Mapping (updating the shape files and editing and printing of updated tax maps). Our first set of in-house tax maps were published last year and are available on the town web site.

In addition to assessing, I now email notices, agendas, and newsletters and have been known to spend some time on basic office computer troubleshooting. Following Pete Surek's retirement in April 2012, I filled in as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer and so some of the Assessing projects were delayed a bit.

OFFICE HOURS & ASSESSORS MEETINGS

My office hours are Tuesday and Thursday 8 am to 5 pm, and Wednesdays 8 am to 2 pm or by appointment. The Board of Assessors meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 pm in the Town Office, Knox Street entrance. Call, write or email if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks for your support.

REAL ESTATE
&
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LIST



2012-2013 PROPERTY TAXES

Abaldo, Vincent M. & Witholt Abaldo, Anna C.....	3,126.11
Abbott, Walter M. & Mildred L.	2,327.19
Achorn, Myra S. & Harold A. Jr.	2,603.41
Achorn, Nancy A.K. & Bradley M.	4,045.52
Achterhof, Carol A.	7,314.75
Ackor, Jefferson D. & Susan J.	2,721.11
Adams, Aaron G.	3,357.14
Adams, Gerald A.	3,658.70
Adams, Linda L.	3,836.30
Adian Editing.....	67.20
ADT Security Services, Inc.	3.68
Adz Partnership	1,587.94
Aimee's Haircuts.....	9.58
Airwaves Inc.	100.80
Albert J. Zimba Trust	6,949.99
Alcott Boat Co, LLC	2,500.68
Alcott Boat Company	20.16
Alex, George S. & Gwendolyn M.	2,829.05
Alex, Gwendolyn & Gregory	1,987.96
Allaire, John	3,027.48
Allan, Daniel P. & Kay E.	3,704.43
Allen, Daniel H.	2,408.10
Allen, Daniel R. & Ann M.	2,501.37
Allen, Lamont L. Jr. & Alana J.	2,267.11
Allen, Lamont S. & Alana J.	3,817.63
Alley, Cheryl M. & Heal, Keith B.	1,337.35
Alley, David C.	2,425.33
Allis, Jeffrey R. & Valerie	8,981.31
AmeriGas Propane LP	1.68
Ames, Victor U. & Joan S.	3,090.73
AMG Transport	18.48
Anderson, Bertil K. & Jeanie M.	3,114.27
Anderson, Charlene S.	2,987.80
Anderson, John Heirs	2,955.42
Anderson, Olof L. & Evelyn G.	3,309.45
Anderson, Sally B. & Walter A.	2,059.48
Angelique's Fine Used Furnish.....	27.27
Anthony, Beth & David.....	255.29
Antique Village at Redmill, Inc.	10,317.38
Applebee's	4,304.82
Aqua Maine	20,102.29
Arbour, Lawrence M. & Georgene D.	3,042.38
Arcana Lodge #102 K of Pythias.....	1,280.38
Archer, Michael E.....	620.61
Armbrecht, Cheryl D. & Thomas H.	3,813.97
Armstrong, Jeffrey B. & Nancy.....	4,653.36
Arrg, LLC	5,033.10
Arsenault, Scot & Carol L.	2,519.56
Art Tibbetts Marine	430.13
Arteaga, Ana Maria	2,040.61
Arthur D. Henry Inc.....	1,186.40
Ashworth, Amy & Whitney, Benjamin	1,023.14

Athearn, Mollie A.	1,973.55
Athens Mediterranean Pizzeria.....	647.19
Atkinson, Jennifer F.	1,049.13
Atkinson, Wendell R. & Brenda J.	3,666.99
B&S Recycling LLC	4,643.02
B.F.E. LLC	30,727.37
Bailey, Eliza C.	1,774.63
Baio, Dora Living Trust.....	799.68
Baiza, Lawrence T.	3,285.74
Baker, James W. & Lisa T.	2,421.13
Baker, Nancy T.	4,535.48
Ball, Charles & Kelly	2,158.33
Bank of America Corp.....	457.46
Bank of America, N.A.	2,700.15
Banknorth, N.A.....	9,567.11
Banks, Christina C.	2,891.04
Banta, Frederic E. & Laurel K.	1,805.83
Barbee, Suzanne S. & Hotho, Victor Albert ..	4,083.73
Barbour, Marie Sylvia	2,518.19
Barbour, Susan et al.....	4,068.96
Barlow, Albert L. & Kari P.	4,922.97
Barlow, Shirley R.	2,270.32
Barnard, Elizabeth L.	6,535.91
Barnes, Brian P.	9,374.76
Barnes, James L.	8,325.33
Barnes, Michele	2,190.37
Barnes, Paul H. & Priscilla	3,007.86
Barnes, Perry M. & Lauren M.	2,473.83
Barnes, Susan A.	1,890.05
Barnett, Richard M. & Ruth DeBoer	4,492.44
Barra, Andrea P. & Michael J.	3,252.14
Barracks, LLC	9,336.41
Barreto, Carmen G.	4,868.82
Barrett, Kathleen A.	2,296.91
Barstow, Andrew J. & Amy	3,011.10
Barter, Tracie N. & Laatz, Susan.....	1,831.02
Barthelette, Jane H. & Hirsch, Christopher ...	1,198.44
Bartke, Jesse L. & Ashby M.	1,898.87
Baudanza, Michael J.	2,985.61
Beach, Diana L.	5,656.38
Beal, Gerald W. & Nancy L.	604.23
Beasley, George & Constance T.....	5,561.37
Beattie, Robert & Debra L.	3,554.94
Beaupre, Jean-Louis L. & Meredith	1,760.71
Beckett, Eileen K.	2,266.30
Beckett, Lloyd E. & Maxine L.	3,985.73
Beckett, Patricia W. & Hyatt, Melanie A. & Erik M.	2,051.23
Beckett, Shawn & Amy	2,754.75
Bedell, Michael S. & Sandra G.	6,511.81
Beechwood Apartments.....	103.62
Beechwood Apartments & Laukka, Bruce & Patrice	13,876.80
Bell, Nathaniel S. & Susan L.	3,624.63
Benkin, Ellen & Earl, Mary Clark 2003 Trust.....	923.31
Benner, Jane E.	1,469.11

Benner, Lorraine A.	1,622.93
Benner, Raymond & Lois	2,139.08
Benner, Terry.....	1,183.95
Bernier, Albert L. Jr.....	1,281.40
Bernier, Marie-denise	3,694.15
Berry, Melody L. & Rickey.....	2,070.35
Bertocci, Thomas A. & Cynthia S.	4,813.65
Berube, Paul & Jenni	3,004.88
Best Felts Inc.	7,320.50
Betts, Mildred M. Estate.....	3,497.78
Beverage, Robert W. & Kathy J.	3,144.30
Biggart, Christopher	4,383.41
Billy's Tavern.....	625.83
Bird, Robert E.....	5,195.54
Bird, William S.....	4,235.11
Bird, William S. & BFE LLC.....	6,995.35
Bishop, Jarrod C. & Angela S.	1,852.72
Bishop, Peter R.....	6,084.00
Bisset, Scott F. & Carol J.	798.45
Bittner, Daniel L. & Amelia L.....	2,005.30
Black, Brenan D. & Bryce J.	1,406.95
Blackman, James S. & Lynn.....	3,339.62
Blackman, Stephen R. & Virginia L.....	3,357.55
Blais, Michael F. & Kathleen	3,680.41
Blaisdell, Maryann B.....	1,869.49
Blanchard, Kimberly S.	7,448.63
Blastow, Clifford L. & Cindy C.	2,851.13
Blood, Michael G. & Maxwell, Brandi L.	4,756.33
Blum, Harold & Kristine	2,020.05
Boat Shop	270.56
Boggs, Leland E. II.....	375.73
Boggs, Leland E. II & Valerie R.	7,505.86
Boggs, Leland E. II et al.....	2,322.08
Boivin, Stephen H. & Bethany R.....	3,093.27
Boivin, Stephen H. Jr. & Susan W.	1,853.78
Bosworth, Janet R.....	2,047.15
Bournival, Linda A. & Thomas	5,588.12
Boutin, David C.....	2,785.14
Boyd, Brian B. & Harrison, Kathreen G.....	2,695.43
Boyer, Leslie A.....	2,606.27
Boynton, Amy C. & Todd E.....	3,542.45
Boynton, Mark E. & Alyce E.	2,759.10
Braestrup, Elizabeth K.....	3,257.67
Brandon, Francis X. & Foley, Sally M.....	3,929.12
Bray, Diana S.....	3,485.92
Breen, Daniel P. & Karyl S.	2,998.73
Breen, Walter D. & Sheila.....	2,936.87
Bridal Bouquet.....	41.65
Brooks Forest Products.....	703.25
Brooks Inc.	5,313.20
Brooks, Lawrence.....	6,610.06
Brooks, Lawrence & Karl Estate.....	1,331.01
Brooks, Lawrence & Kay F.....	4,456.08
Brooks, Lawrence A. & Kay F., Ryan, Terrance L. & Cheryl B. & Frye, Kim F.	2,719.03

Brooks, Lawrence, Kay F., Raynold F. & Jean O.	2,018.12
Brooks, Raynold	1,052.30
Brooks, Raynold II	125.50
Brooks, Rodney R. & Kari E.	3,592.06
Brooks, Sally G.....	4,102.35
Brooks, Stephen T	977.44
Brooks, Stephen T.	1,900.79
Brooks, Stephen T. & Janelle M.....	5,713.61
Brown & Brown Gunsmithing.....	34.49
Brown, Ann	5,361.35
Brown, Cindy A.....	1,918.53
Brown, James S. & Claire.....	2,809.93
Brown, Joyce M.....	1,780.62
Brown, Milton C. Sr. & Beverly A.	2,523.90
Brown, Mitzi & Glenn.....	2,488.21
Brown, Rhonda J.	2,955.52
Brown, William J. & Mary A. Estate	4,008.45
Bruce, Susanne M.....	1,500.04
Bryan's Body & Fender	262.60
Bryant Construction.....	336.00
Bryant, Florine P. (LE) & Chadwick, Jean B. & Bryant, Daniel J.....	989.86
Bryant, Sheldon & Cynthia.....	1,921.05
Brylar, LLC	2,986.55
Buchanan, Lance C. & Kathleen W.....	2,335.54
Buck, Jason K. & Hutchison, Amie L.	2,802.07
Bull, Elizabeth K. & Ladley, Samuel M.....	2,060.87
Burakowski, Jeffrey P.....	1,064.13
Burd, Helga U.....	2,500.98
Burgess & Hooper LLC	9,735.77
Burgess, Betty J.....	2,256.09
Burgess, Joel T. & Sara P.....	2,460.70
Burke, Christopher & Williams, Brooke	3,992.57
Burnell, Carleton F. & Sandra J.....	1,796.56
Burnett, Richard & Stacey A.	1,294.24
Burns, Glenn A.....	1,991.27
Burtis, Michelle A. & Dwight G.....	4,272.37
Burton, Nancie E. Trust.....	6,151.12
Burton, Robert A. & Marietta G.	11,728.52
Butler, Lawrence E. & Linda.....	3,677.22
Butler, Walter K. Jr.....	3,176.88
Buxton, Melanie A. & Todd A. Jr.	2,390.12
Cabot, Louis W. & Mabel H.....	10,096.26
Callahan, Robert A. & Andrea G.....	2,750.13
Callahan, Wanda L.	1,830.28
Camargo, Manuel B. & Karen E.....	3,841.42
Camber, Dennis	2,507.06
Cambrex Corp.	495.94
Camden National Corporation.....	1,066.11
Campbell, Eva	1,078.12
Capstone Electric Inc.	108.02
Carey, Henry R. & Lucy.....	3,120.47
Carlson Family Trust.....	1,434.22
Carmichael, Lewis T. Jr. & Roberta A.	2,541.17
Carney Electric	9.42
Carney, Anna M.	2,764.59

Carney, James M. & Ruth M.	12,161.70	Colson, Mark & Michelle	2,396.54
Caron, Louis C. & Sandra R.	2,814.72	Colson, Sharity	1,901.64
Carpenter, Toni K. & Christopher N.	1,794.17	Colvin, William S. & Benie B.	5,496.49
Carr, Kelly M.	5,640.80	Colwell, Elaine G.	1,958.63
Carr, Melissa J. & Durity, Arthur	1,822.26	Conlogue, John & Kathy	2,857.18
Carroll, Blaine	658.53	Connolly, Patricia I.	1,670.16
Carroll, Robert J.	2,167.45	Connon, James R.	201.52
Carter, Allen A. & Barbara M.	6,199.08	Conroy, Mary Catherine Inter Vivos Trust....	4,036.80
Carter, Barbara M.	3,849.74	Coombs, John H. & Pamela R.	3,513.40
Carter, Nancy M. & Basco, Edward R.	4,071.60	Cooper, Coretta L.	1,649.36
Carty, Jeffrey W. & Haimila, Sandra.....	3,138.73	Corbett, James R.	1,177.71
Castanguay, James & Marcia	1,226.06	Corcoran, Julie A.	1,082.86
Catalano Construction Inc.	1,189.59	Corning, Helen D. Estate	3,640.61
Catalano, Richard A. Jr. & Robin.....	3,347.22	Cotton, Brenda J.	2,888.32
Catalano, Richard A. Sr. & Cindy L.	6,255.33	Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP	2,381.77
Cave, Cynthia	2,478.74	Cowan, Jody L. & William L.	4,980.11
Caven, Sylvia & James	1,986.02	Crandall, Wayne	303.22
Cels Ventures Inc.	20.45	Crane, Maria L.	1,386.30
Central Maine Power Co.	44,124.50	Crane, Stephen N.	4,069.65
Cesarini, Diana	2,646.15	Creative Images Hair Salon	66.16
Chamberlin, Paul E. & Beth A.	5,627.18	Creek Hill Auto Repair	1,636.94
Chambers Jewelers	32.54	Creighton, Jeffery L. & Hope E.	3,205.89
Chan, Saifook	2,013.61	Creighton, Jeffrey L.; Everett A. & Marlene Life Estate	4,845.97
Chapman, Diana A.	1,983.06	Cronin, Wayne S. & Kirsten.....	2,915.67
Chapman, Robin L.	2,153.64	Crosby, Grace J.	2,499.50
Charles M. Walsh	16.80	Crosman, Christopher B. & Janet T.	2,735.07
Charlton, Samuel E. & Emily B.	5,138.85	Cross, Daniel C. & Rachel M.	2,193.79
Charlton, Scott A.	2,536.30	Cross, John H. & Gail L.	1,883.30
Chase, Lynnette P.	2,124.66	Cross, John H. Jr.	1,072.26
Chemrock Corp.	150.26	Crum, Curtis G. & Donna L.	2,941.93
Childers, Debbie	2,101.02	Crute, Karl S. Sr. & Laraine S.	4,402.00
Childers, John V. & Tena P.	3,492.97	Crystal Spring Water Co.	17.61
China Fortune Restaurant	175.14	CSD Properties, LLC	12,663.00
Chipman, Tracy L.	1,240.23	Cunningham, Dennis J. & Gloria.....	2,145.66
Christ, Nicholas	2,796.44	Curley, William H. & Phyllis M.	3,017.80
Christensen, Susan B.	1,623.72	Curran, Jacqueline I.	1,778.38
Cigaret Shopper	96.95	Curtis, Corey C. & Dines, Christina L.	2,132.16
CIT Financial LLC	139.96	Curtis, Karen K.	3,760.60
Clark, Janet S.	2,743.59	Curtis, Michelle E.	1,294.78
Clark, Richard A. & Barbara G.	3,170.63	Curtis, Toby R.	1,463.16
Clark, Robert A. & Emily M.	2,481.28	Cushman, Frank & Diane	3,818.46
Clarke, Karen R. & Daniel	6,723.91	Custom Coatings Inc.	173.88
Clement, Blair M.	1,997.81	Cuthbertson, James H. & Katherine B.	2,762.98
Clough, Jeffrey W.	3,229.58	Cuthbertson, Robert & Glenice B.	447.89
Clukey, Dana T. & Jean E.	1,447.79	Daggett, Ann & Wesley C.	4,326.50
Coastal Child Care Center Inc	228.58	Daggett, Barbara M.	2,657.96
Coates, Earl E. II.	967.46	Daggett, William E.	3,085.87
Coca-Cola Bottling Company.....	495.26	Daley (LE), Jones, & Hawkins	2,212.06
Cohen, Stephen M.	2,183.60	D'Amato, Anthony & Maria Revocable Trust....	2,572.35
Colby, Jason E. & Jennifer L.	1,859.39	Damian, Michele D.	1,617.92
Cole, Michael	1,839.70	Daniello, Mont T. III	2,001.47
Collemer, Frank & Deborah	2,073.02	Daniello, Ronald E. & Joanne E.	2,068.11
Collins, Douglas E. & Dorothy D.	1,671.58	Danielson, Carl F.	2,016.55
Collins, Michael D. & Arvilla P.	1,863.59	Danielson, Carl F. & Whittaker, Carolyn	7,206.34
Colson, Christopher K.	1,484.04	Darney, Stephen C. & Kathleen M.	1,185.95
Colson, Clifford O. III	2,213.05	Dartnall, Carol A.	1,770.50
Colson, Eugene E. & Lista J.	1,831.92		

Dashiell Living Trusts	4,780.86	Eaton, Johnathan F. & Mariellen L.....	4,282.35
David Hynes Inc.	3,743.88	Eberle, William C. & Ernest, Dagny C.....	1,959.62
Davidson, Christopher & Lisa M.....	2,418.18	Eddy, Janelle M. & Christopher B.....	2,575.29
Davis, Albie	3,699.53	Edward Harshman, MD	116.02
Davis, James Perry	4,255.44	Edwards, Jaime R.	1,636.61
Davis, Jonathan & Dena	2,485.34	Elavon, Inc.	15.07
Davis, Patrick H. & Nancy D.	3,255.81	Elizabeth's Cuts & Styles.....	16.46
Dawson, Luthera B. Estate	2,503.65	Ellard, Robert & Jacqueline.....	1,577.20
Day, Holly C. & Gonzales, Danielle	2,349.40	Ellis, David A. & Constance M.	2,307.80
Dean, Ralph I. Sr. & Loretta J.	4,426.13	Ellis, Michelle.....	1,567.05
Dearborn, Lawrence S. & Ellen M.	2,132.16	Emerson, Roy H.	3,015.23
Deicke, Sharon L.	201.10	Emery, Robert R. Jr. & Gloria J.	1,584.48
Delmonico-Read, Rosemary A.	1,771.21	Emery, William A.....	2,705.17
Delony, Billy G. & Gayle A.	3,322.17	English, Cheryl J. & J. Timothy	2,531.05
Denault, Alberta J.	1,401.89	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	197.53
Dennen, John E.	3,234.42	Epifanes N.A. Inc.	646.98
Dennison, David A. Sr.....	176.06	Erickson, Carl B. Jr.....	430.15
Dennison, Elizabeth A. & Sawyer, Darlene ..	1,775.71	Erickson, Ian C. & Janette B.	2,807.35
Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. for American Home Mortgage Investment Trust 2006-3.....	3,392.76	Erickson, Pauline O. Trust.....	7,044.11
Devlin, Frank J. & Susan J.	6,117.47	Ervin Koenig.....	104.36
Dickson, Elizabeth A. & Strickland, Rodger R.	3,119.02	Ervin, Richard G. & Corinne E.....	3,644.84
Dillabough Family Trust	3,266.26	Everbank Commercial Finance.....	58.06
Dimauro, Heidi.....	1,148.04	F & A's Market	72.86
Dinapoli, Robert J.....	4,454.80	Fahy, Christopher W. & Davine S.....	2,863.96
Dinofrio, Michael A. & LeeAnn H.....	2,509.75	Falstrom, Keith J. & Cynthia.....	771.59
DirecTV, Inc.	230.61	Farley, Francis G. & Judith S.	2,490.53
Dish Network LLC	146.95	Farthing, Christopher E. & Jane L.	1,957.33
Dodd, Ivy W.	546.52	Fastenal Company	416.86
Dodge, Betty J.	495.43	Feed Store Inc.	36.14
Dodge, Richard M. & Sandra E.....	1,306.62	Ferlauto, Amy E. & Davis, Patrick H. & Nancy D.	2,819.39
Doherty, Kathi W.	1,624.78	Ferraiolo Construction Inc.	20,674.08
Donaldson, Blake A. & Alethe L.....	3,881.99	Ferrin, Elizabeth M.....	217.24
Donna's Lil Darlings.....	82.00	Field, Johnna & Charlson, David.....	1,293.30
Dorman, Kendrick W. & Norma P. & Cross, Janice D.	6,072.04	Finnegan, Edwin D.	132.15
Dorman's Dairy Dream.....	89.39	Fish, Donald G.....	2,018.72
Dorr, Clayton G. & Janice L.....	5,086.05	Fitzgerald, Mark A. & Ann E.	4,288.77
Dorr, Erick C. & Naomi A.....	2,481.85	Flagg, James D.	277.20
Doubleday, Raymond J. & Jamie E.....	4,135.05	Flagship Cinemas, Inc.	6,464.61
Doughty, Sheril G.....	1,285.74	Flanagan, Michael S. & Martha G.....	5,041.11
Douty, Marshalee Wood.....	4,564.76	Fleming, Charles B. & Phyllis J.	5,596.06
Downer, Jesse J. & Amanda R.	2,142.05	Fochtman, John A.	2,607.46
Dragon Products Co. LLC	1,582,824.23	Foltz, Sara E.	2,007.63
Drinkwater, Jason Trust.....	562.70	Foster, Alton E. Jr.....	1,547.21
DRT Properties, LLC	14,461.44	Fowles, Donald D. & J. Elizabeth	1,089.08
Duff, Harold C.....	3,070.44	Fowlie, Clayton L. III.....	852.13
Dunkin' Donuts.....	1,269.24	Franklin, Glen P.....	2,434.87
Durgin, John M. & Nannina L.....	2,662.65	Franklin, Sheila R.	3,315.38
Dusty's Hardwood Flooring.....	16.80	Frankowski, James E.	1,429.58
Dyer, Bernard	404.22	Frankowski, Virginia Trust.....	8,174.64
Dyer, Kurt S. Jr. & Sarah J.	2,233.39	Fraughton, John L. Life Estate & Fales, James H. Sr. & Carolyn L.	3,170.36
Earley, Jerry E. II & Davis-Earley, Barbie	886.99	Fred's Coffee.....	31.25
Eastern Construction Co.	4,367.66	Freeman, John R. & Paula J.....	2,818.30
Eastern Construction, Inc.....	102.53	Frisbie, Ann M.....	1,704.18
		Frost Gully Gallery	184.80
		Fuller, Dylan M. & Foster, Zoe A.	2,396.96

Fusello, Daniel & Egleston-Fusello, Lori.....	2,435.23	Guyer, Neal & Sheilagh N.....	4,727.87
Gagnon, Ruth.....	15.15	Hackett, Bernadette	2,829.05
Gallace, Melissa J.	1,868.08	Hahn, William S. & Daryl L.....	3,177.18
Gallagher, Jon A.	2,351.03	Hall & Bibber Funeral Home	111.55
Gamage, Ronald S. & Jacqueline E.	8,146.22	Hall Family LLC	929.88
Garcia-Renart, Prudence R.	1,943.64	Hall, Adrian N. & Tammy E.	1,990.90
Garrigan, Richard M. & Valerie J.....	2,989.14	Hall, Albert C. Life Estate & Dorr, Janice L.	2,610.60
Gauthier, Lee Ann	205.21	Hall, Barbara B.	4,230.17
GE Capital Info Tech Solution	31.82	Hall, Bradford C.	2,752.65
Geele, Jeannine M.	2,636.66	Hall, Dolores H.	1,508.47
Genevicz, Robert & Breault, Susan.....	3,097.95	Hall, Marion.....	234.36
Genthner, Ashley L. Jr. & Monica H.....	3,329.19	Hall, Michael J. & Lizbeth A.....	7,191.93
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	35,585.90	Hall, Peter L. & Poppe-Hall, Lisa C.	3,372.97
Gerard, Philip & Frazer, Gail S.	2,583.69	Hall, Richard S. & Jolene	2,222.56
Getman, Judith F.....	2,800.74	Hall, Rolland B. & Elaine C.	831.80
Gibbs, Allison F.....	1,446.97	Hallowell, Terri H. & Timothy W.	3,120.10
Gilbert, Bruce A.	2,106.42	Hall-Stone, Gretel.....	2,586.73
Gillo, Darren W. & Sarah D.	1,762.71	Halvorsen, Corrine A. & McGill, Donald J. ...	1,431.75
Gilson, Robert P. & Marion Marie	4,279.90	Hamlin, Gregory J. & Shirley L.	5,246.30
Giustra, Betsy M. Trust	1,646.74	Hampton Inn & Suites	8,339.35
Glenn, James M. & Carolyn A.	2,932.17	Hanc, David J. & Donna G.	2,783.16
Glidden, Dustin & David.....	5,676.77	Hanley, Jill.....	235.20
Gliders Take Out	67.20	Hannemann, Paul T.	1,123.84
Godfrey, Donna L.....	1,590.96	Harding, Beniah C.	2,435.66
Goodnow, Justin E.....	19,307.64	Harjula, Cheryl Ann	1,688.64
Gorman, Nathan M. & Moreau, Emily V.	2,020.17	Harjula, Christopher N.....	2,315.81
Gould, Anita T.....	1,931.78	Harjula, Jacqueline L.	10,650.00
Gould, Kristin S. & David P.	2,115.17	Harjula, Neil A. & Joan M.....	2,415.94
Gould, William A. Jr. & Shiela B.....	1,571.69	Harjula, Sylvia Life Estate & Kangas, Elaine et al	2,117.35
Grafton, George G. & Ruth	3,124.85	Harlow, Bryce L.	2,146.25
Grafton, Ward M. Sr. & Hortense M.	2,187.85	Harlow, Ricky, Joan & Bryce.....	4,573.89
Grant, Dale E.	2,041.67	Harn, Guy & Catherine.....	2,472.81
Grant, Michelle A.	1,312.55	Harper, David	304.75
Grant, Richard W. & Nancy L.....	456.12	Harper, Jeffrey A. & Victoria L.....	3,059.43
Gray, Peter J. & Melissa M.	1,711.72	Harper, Joseph A. & Diana L.	915.20
Great Heron Works.....	286.26	Harper, Patricia.....	2,763.97
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp.	84.18	Harrington, Harold H. & Marilyn D.	2,361.64
Greeley Associates, LLC	19,996.00	Harris, Elaine C.	3,359.43
Green Line LLC.....	253.71	Harris, Paul	590.65
Green, Jeffrey D. & Carol C.	2,414.28	Harris, Paul & Elaine C.	580.36
Greenberg, Howard & Elizabeth	4,557.45	Harris, Richard T.	3,511.25
Gregory, Robert E.....	3,157.85	Harshman, Edward J. & Sheila C.	11,408.19
Gregston, Maureen A. Estate & Michael F. & Meredith	5,361.97	Haskell, Donald A. & Maureen E.....	1,598.86
Greyhawk Leasing, LLC	162.47	Haskins, Jaime J.	1,645.83
Grierson, George W. & Karen L.	3,900.96	Hastings, Edward A.	3,524.54
Griffin, Benjamin J. & Mary A.	8,062.35	Hastings, Richard E. & Marilyn S.	2,481.61
Griffin, Nancy.....	1,532.83	Hastings, Ronnie L. & Judith W.....	2,342.47
Griffin, Sherri E.....	878.25	Hastings, Sheila W.	2,437.34
Grindell, Roderick H. & Catherine D.	3,606.30	Hatch, Doris L.	2,006.02
Grindle, Torey Renee	1,613.25	Hatch, Stephen.....	1,725.33
Groth, Ashley E. & Adam W.....	1,850.40	Hathorne, Charles E. & Rosalie A.	2,466.04
Grout, Jonathan T. & Vivian	1,992.65	Haynes Galleries.....	492.26
Grubbs, Dale A. Jr.	293.66	Haynes, Gary R. & Joanne E.	4,741.28
Grubbs, Dana L.....	1,538.81	Haynes, Raechelle S. & Matthew S.	3,297.18
Guinther, Stuart H. & Kim L.	5,576.64	Headley, Patricia R.	4,532.61
Guite, Ryan M. & Kelley L.	2,428.83		

Healy, Joseph B. & Migdelany, Robin	3,348.74	Images Hair Salon	134.62
Held, Allen E. & Jody M.	1,925.25	Ingerson, Ami M. & Benner, Michael B.	1,767.48
Henderson, Elwyn F.	3,949.86	Interstate Septic Inc.	3,776.91
Henderson, Frank E.	2,471.13	Interstate Septic Systems, Inc.	511.73
Hendrick, Shane W.	2,542.95	IOCMA, Inc.	3,381.17
Henry, Arthur D.	5,960.37	Isaac Rhode Painting	33.60
Henry, Diane A. Estate	2,653.04	J. Miller & Associates PLLC	34.54
Henry, Dwight R.	4,067.30	Jackson, William & Carolyn	1,789.08
Henry, Dwight R. & Michelle M.	2,355.12	Jackson, William S., Carolyn, Ronald, & Gerald	568.14
Henry, Frederick J.	4,127.63	Jacob, John P. & Butler, Lorri J.	2,123.39
Henry, Susan M.	2,507.25	Jacques, John N. & Mary Jane	3,625.64
Henry, Walter F. & Elizabeth F.	1,028.78	Jaget, Frances J.	2,660.33
Hernandez, Galo J. III & Frances	3,060.07	Jameson, Dorothy A.	1,828.81
Herridge, Keith Van & Brenna K.	292.74	Jameson, Ellen W.	2,247.52
Hersey, Linda J. & Michael L.	3,891.37	Janes, Phillip F. & Margaret J.	2,659.41
Hershey's Ice Cream	126.13	Jarossi, Arthur & Sarah	3,952.87
Hersom, Lisa	1,003.60	Jarvis, Jamie S.	1,176.57
HFSS Biz	18.48	Jean, Robert E.	1,375.85
Hibbert, Robert M. & Hibbert-Caravello, Stephanie M.	700.81	Jeffrey Armstrong, Inc.	10,304.99
Hickman, Robert R.	2,682.88	Jeff's Autobody & Restoration	125.97
Highland Coffee Shop	840.00	Jeff's Marine Inc.	1,094.60
Hilchey, Kristan	1,797.94	Jenks, Peter Q. & Emily A.	3,223.32
Hiller, Steven A. & Delores D.	3,515.50	Jennings, Mark J. & Hoxie, Susan D.	2,459.52
Hillgrove, David	1,486.65	Jennings, Thomas J. & Catherine M.	4,037.38
Hillman Group, Inc.	40.54	Jessop, John W. & Kathleen	1,199.44
Hilt, Douglas K. & Joni L.	2,054.59	Johanson, David C. & Susan B.	3,864.05
Hines, Ralph B. & Judith H.	4,140.63	Johnson, Alfred M. Jr. & Dorothy A.	2,999.94
Hi-Tech Communications	60.24	Johnson, Barbara H.	3,533.16
Hocking, Janet L. & Bryan T.	1,724.89	Johnson, Chad S. & Candi L.	2,110.48
Holbrook, Tracy A.	3,165.78	Johnson, Jerrold P. & Tricia	1,850.84
Holloway, Matthew	1,843.72	Johnson, Mark R. Sr. & Gower, Vicki L.	1,814.42
Holmes, Carol A. & Lutsch, Jane A.	2,949.32	Johnson, Scott A.	3,344.15
Home Depot USA, Inc.	4,636.80	Jones, Anthony & Doreen	1,428.99
Hooper, Lloyd M. Sr. & Shirley J.	2,266.03	Jones, Bryan L. & Spieler, Elaine E.	3,156.72
Hooper, Shirley Makie & Lloyd M.	676.20	Jones, Deborah R.	1,726.77
Hooper, Wesley R.	3,554.95	Jones, Faith H.	2,563.75
Hopkins, Larry M. & Roxana J.	3,049.49	Jones, Herbert T. & Jill A.	2,787.30
Hoppe, Craig	3,540.15	Jones, Lillian L. & Babbidge, Lewis W.	384.94
Horch, Peter	2,246.40	Jones, Lorelyn	1,386.99
Houtsma, Cornelius G. Estate	5,079.09	Jones, Norene H. & George E.	2,351.93
Houtsma, Lars T.	1,586.89	Jones, Richard A. Jr. & Christienne	2,282.53
Howard, H. John & Lindley-Howard, Susan	1,888.92	Jones, Robert E.	2,180.00
Howland, Phyllis A. Revocable Trust	3,876.78	Jones, Ryan L. & Legare, Melissa P.	3,994.96
Howlett, Judith M.	3,713.89	Jones, Thomas E. & Meklin, Wendy J.	1,920.12
Hoyt, Jean & Kenneth	3,139.97	Jones, Timothy & Allyson	2,935.82
Hubbard, Patricia F.	2,817.90	Jordan, David C. & Sandra A.	2,099.90
Hughes Network Systems LLC	10.95	Joslyn, Steven & Debra	438.46
Hunt, Richard S.	1,578.43	Joyce, Mark E.	2,941.83
Hunt, Tammy L. & Wilcox, Stephen A.	2,032.01	Judkins, Wayne A. & Priscilla A.	2,809.40
Huntley, Allen E.	387.71	Kaler, Janet L.	2,075.51
Hylar Agency	70.31	Kalloch, James	3,105.40
Hylar, Edwin P. & Luann	2,388.29	Kaserman, Fred & Linda	2,972.81
Hynd & Shaw Enterprises, LLC	4,239.14	KDK LLC	468.13
Hynd, David & Gaylea	2,728.86	Kehoe, John P. & Brooke E.	2,388.56
Hynd, Heather P.	946.83	Keizer, Beatrice	1,285.59
		Kelley, Richard C. & Serena M.	2,862.12
		Kellogg, Frederic R. Trust of 1995	2,704.36

Kendra L. Potz, Esq.	19.62	Leino, James K. & Sandra L.	2,518.76
Kennedy, Ruth E.H.	2,062.65	Leo, Barbara A. & Alan P.	3,321.41
Kenney, Ercell M.	1,547.38	Leo, Jamie N.	2,472.04
Kent, Arlene D.	2,906.43	Leo, Michael A. & Belinda M.	2,208.28
Keyes, Sigrid C.	2,393.71	Leonard, Linda E.	7,550.26
Kiley, Margaret M.	2,107.83	Leonard, William F. & Rebecca J.	3,129.20
King, Nathan M. & Tamara S.	3,754.56	Leporati, Carole	2,377.35
Kinghorn, Robert W.	3,221.65	Levett, Ross & Susan	4,314.07
Kingsley, Scott	3,736.32	Levine, Richard L. & Myrna G.	1,343.46
Kinney Rentals	15.41	Lewis, Lauren R. & Mark R.	3,034.97
Kinney, Shannon K.	3,125.98	Lewis, Robert O.	947.67
Kinney, Sumner W. & Marjorie H.	9,214.63	Lewis, Vernon L.	3,723.50
Kinney, Sumner W. & Marjorie H. & Gould, Christopher	5,465.88	Libby, Ronald & Lorraine	2,191.12
Kirkham, Nikolai D.	1,975.43	Lilienthal, Stephen K. & Emily	3,821.26
Kitching, Carl M. & Lesa A.	1,643.24	Linscott, Wayne	3,492.13
Klein, Stanley & Gray, Camilla M.	4,852.28	Linscott, Wayne & Joan	1,502.07
Kleschick, Mary Ann	4,022.66	Little Lady Electrolysis.	13.10
KMB, LLC	27,602.37	Little, Andrea K.	2,780.06
Knight, Benjamin D.	2,983.06	Little, Peter M.	2,118.14
Knight, Lucas E.	2,202.48	Little, Stephen A. & Carol A.	5,165.75
Knowles, Catherine F.	2,536.95	Living Center at Thomaston LLC	7,132.54
Knowlton, Anita L. & Malcolm A.	3,079.93	Llewellyn Family Trust	2,573.22
Knowlton, Sharon L.	2,120.85	Local Color Salon	30.04
Knox Hotel Assoc., LP	39,028.05	Lombardo, Jamey K. & Karen M.	2,030.01
Knutson, John A. & Muriel D.	5,536.84	Lorenzen, Jean I.	2,766.57
Koenig, Ervin D. & Diane L.	1,421.63	Lorleberg, Thomas J. & Gloria	2,957.30
Komatsu Financial	7,747.37	Lowell, Myrtle F. Estate	749.65
Korhonen, Gwendolyn R.	2,451.89	Lowe's Home Centers, Inc.	288,370.42
Kristiansen, David W. & Patricia L.	3,074.48	Luce, Irville E. & Marlene	7,125.37
Kruger, Charles B. Jr. & Linda Bell	3,360.39	Lucette Boarding Home Inc.	557.10
Kunces, Carl P. & Nils J.	3,496.85	Luckman, David & Nancy	1,945.44
Labree, Kathleen R. & Kevin J.	3,268.71	Lucky One Three VII, LLC	6,845.46
Lachance, Conrad	201.03	Ludwig, Edward A. & Nancy S.	4,388.98
LaCombe, Charles A. & Lisa J.	2,437.21	Ludwig, Helen	1,575.59
Lacombe, Lester A. & Pauline J.	1,402.21	Ludwig, Lora S.	3,975.47
Ladd, Gail M. & Schiot, Peter	2,920.36	Ludwig, Raymond E. & Helen	3,237.71
Lakeman, Daniel R. & Faye	1,124.42	Lukasewicz, Stanley	2,285.94
Lammert, Peter R.	2,733.31	Lundin, Erik	2,211.45
Landi, Alicia M.	1,742.83	Luu, Heng Yuk, Ping, Minh K., Vinh K., & Karen	2,851.60
Lang, Mary M. Trust	2,593.20	Lyman Morse Boatbuilding	7,981.08
Laporte, Stephen R. & Syltra	2,539.61	Lyman Morse Fabrication	1,299.85
Larrabee, David A. II & Taylor, Shana L.	1,984.62	Lyman, Cabot	115,927.32
Larsen, Peter A.	6,097.31	Lyman, Cabot & Heidi	5,225.09
Lary, David P. & Heather A.	2,689.39	Lyman, Drew	3,606.71
Lash, Fay E. & Christopher	1,931.71	Lynch, Joseph Jr.	738.01
Laslavic, Thomas E. & Lucy	2,822.18	Lynch, Patrick J.	1,595.82
Lauterbach, Grant & Lori	3,709.19	MacDonald, Michael & Ruth	2,092.44
LaVallee, Alan J. & Patricia L.	2,800.26	Mac-Gray Services Inc.	56.36
Lavertu, Carmen	1,437.93	MacIntosh, Craig D. & Dyer, Ellen S.	4,959.06
Lawson, Janis C. & Robert H.	1,458.09	MacMillan, Maureen J.	1,449.39
Lazaroff, Lois L. Revocable Trust	2,331.94	Magrogan, Francis J.	1,975.95
Leach, Phillip C. & Belleni, Laura M.	3,042.55	Maine Coast Family Dentistry	1,958.21
Lear, Mary M.	2,364.28	Maine State Housing Authority	1,666.43
Lee, S. Steven & Jeannine K.	3,724.34	Maine Water Company	41,307.72
Lehman, Peter M.	2,042.68	Malin, Richard C.	383.85
Leidenroth, Kim E.	9,537.95	Malmstrom, Timothy J.	2,170.41
		Maltais, Sandra L.	2,566.86

Mandell, Don Y.	5,777.57	Merrill, Daniel D. & Dwelley, Janet M.	1,602.37
Manson, George P. & Carol L.	2,060.23	Meservy, Brent A. & Georgia E.	1,834.44
Marchessault, David L. & Katherine A.	3,357.14	Messier, Michelle A. &	
Maritime Energy	3,220.46	Anderson, Fremont F. Jr.	2,167.97
Markham, John J.E. II & Read, Elizabeth	2,122.71	Michaud, Ronald P. & Paula G.	3,941.67
Marr, Robert A. Sr.	2,819.95	Micue, Alta D.	2,516.39
Marr, Walter E. III & Linda M.	353.05	Midcoast Federal Credit Union	34,286.40
Marriner, Steven II & Sanders, Tina L.	2,362.21	Midcoast Marine Supply.....	91.19
Marriner, Zachary	2,224.81	Miller, Douglas E. & Grace E.....	4,719.25
Marshall, Colin S. & Janet P.	10,132.68	Miller, John E. & Lynette S.	4,413.48
Marshall, Jennifer D.	3,100.88	Miller, Nathan A.	1,129.98
Martin, Kevin & Lillas Rose	3,097.87	Millett, Jill	2,746.23
Martin, William B.....	3,224.49	Mills, Bruce J. & Paula J.	5,526.75
Martineau, Michael P. &		Mills, Charlotte M.	1,403.40
Morang, Donald N.....	3,220.31	Mills, Christopher R. & Paula M.....	4,076.70
Master, William E. & Lena Kay.....	10,629.41	Mills, George M.	1,163.48
Mather, Jerry L. Revocable Trust	7,108.70	Mills, Stephen & Lewis Arthur &	
Mather, Signe	6,588.56	Margaret W. Life Estate	2,860.59
Mathis, Benjamin B.....	3,880.46	Mitchell, John J. & Ann E.	1,548.62
Matlack, Edward T. & Anne H. &		Mitchell, Mary	182.08
Berndt, Eric H.....	1,751.95	Mitchell, Peter B. & Denise.....	6,450.88
Matthews, Kimberly J. & Craig S.	3,364.70	Mlynarski, Kathleen J. & Edmund T.....	2,540.04
Matthews, Nhan & Arlene D.	3,375.69	Mogel, Shirley S. & Richard D.....	5,438.04
Mayo, Michael E.	3,757.57	Moholland, Kevin T. & Chandra R.	2,353.28
Mayo, Michael M. Jr. & Buteau, Lori A.	3,261.74	Molloy, Callyn.....	2,252.88
Mayo, Michael M. Sr.....	309.36	Monkey-Doo Childcare	18.56
Mayo, Michael M. Sr. & Patricia P.	1,940.55	Monroe, Charlotte K. &	
Mayo, Robert K.	590.84	Knowles, Theo-Wanda K.	2,118.83
Mazzeo, Anthony S.	2,908.58	Moody, Linwood L. & June O.....	4,316.59
Mazzeo, Mikial N.	3,494.03	Moore, Elwood D. III & Rebecca L.	2,404.77
Mazzeo, Stephen K. & Diane C.....	3,386.48	Moore, Mimi R.	2,391.88
McCallum Overlock Young LLC.....	5,076.07	Moore, Sandra E.	2,018.64
McCarthy, Stephen G. & Ursula M.	4,604.95	Moorman, Anna C. & Kenneth B.	2,844.09
McClea, Robert.....	5,821.22	Morelli, Tony & Laura	1,869.35
McCluskey, Mary L.....	2,096.51	Morey, David C. & Amy C.	6,808.54
McCrea, Peter F. & Margaret S.	2,862.60	Morse, E. Roger & Rose Marie	3,142.42
McCreedy, Bruce R.	3,375.29	Morse, Jason.....	825.96
McDonald, Darlene M.	1,921.90	Morse, Jeffrey N.	1,459.25
McDonald's USA LLC	5,712.00	Morse, Linda E. & Edelstein, Mark J.	154.07
McGeady, Joseph K. Jr. &		Morse, Timothy A. & Holly	1,975.43
Marla Jane Cardone.....	4,614.04	Moss, Carol J.W.	3,164.26
McKearney, Christopher D. M.	1,723.83	Moss, Eivind Roy Jr. & Linda L.....	4,402.17
McKenzie, Paige.....	2,313.61	Mr Tire Co.	547.01
McKown, George W. & Susan W.	2,232.85	Mullaney, Noreen & Richard	1,857.93
McLain, George E. & Dolores J.	2,511.81	Mullen, Christopher R.	2,064.45
McLeod, Jacqueline L.	2,027.39	Murdock, James L. & McGuirl, Cynthia	3,182.52
McMahan, Donald E.....	337.13	Murgita, Bruce A. & Donna L.	868.43
McWilliams-Hale, Denita & Hale, Steven	448.76	Murray, Donald M. & Tara S.	1,858.26
Mead, Alan R. & Gretchen F.....	3,348.32	Muzak, LLC.....	25.57
Meadows Auto Body	79.16	Myers, Philip Jr. & Raeberta M.	3,646.78
Meklin, Judith E.	1,293.25	Myers, Phillip E. & Priscilla E.	3,046.97
Meklin, Judith E. & Bruce.....	9,555.96	Nails Salon.....	252.00
Meklin, Kevin P.....	2,655.74	Nance, James R. III & Smithson, Tracy L.	2,835.35
Mellor, G. Thomas & Patricia A.	3,142.74	Nassau Broadcasting Holdings	663.50
Mellor, Noreen M.	4,158.20	Nassau Broadcasting Holdings Inc.	2,300.42
Mendez, Antonio & Haylene J.	2,510.96	NC Shepard LLC	10,688.85
Merrifield, Percy L. & Dorothy E. Estate.....	1,239.81	Nedderman, Dolores R. Property Trust	3,673.44

Neilson, Gena N. & Bonjour, Jon E.	3,509.27
Nelson, Joanne E. & Daren M.	1,770.79
Netzorg, Phillip & Prudence L.	3,387.85
New England Vending.....	8.00
Nightingale, Richard & Mary	27,450.16
Noiseux, Clifford R. & Carlene M.	3,006.93
Northeast Patients Group.....	2,940.00
Northern NE Tel Ops LLC	5,240.42
Northern New England Telephon.....	565.44
Nouria Energy	2,940.00
Nuco2 Supply, Inc.	30.00
Oak Run Heating	100.80
Ocean Way Inc.	2.89
Olmsted, Robert W. & Elaine B.	3,034.33
Olson, Samuel.....	2,553.48
Olson, Virginia M.....	1,651.32
Omni Construction	112.83
On The Edge Fitness.....	4.20
O'Neil, James F. & Harriet W.....	2,382.41
Orcutt, Arlene S.....	1,960.16
Orcutt, Thomas S. & Carolyn X.	1,837.11
Orluk, Sandra F.	2,840.93
Osterday, John M. & Sara J.	2,811.14
Overlock, Dwight L. & Sheryl L.	3,757.24
Oyster River Handyman	22.36
Oyster River Landscape.....	168.00
Oyster River Winegrowers	18.13
Paolino, Aaron D.	2,584.85
Paradis, Armand J. & Mary E.....	3,811.43
Parent, Christopher & Alina	1,138.55
Parisi, Roseann	4,582.40
Park Place Investments Inc.....	3,073.09
Parsons, Pamela M.	2,420.91
Patten, Danielle.....	1,766.76
Pattison Sign Group.....	204.46
Payson, Timothy.....	5,090.00
Pease, Arnold S. Jr.....	1,429.26
Pease, Arnold S. Sr. & Donna	4,091.45
Pease, Arthur E. & Marie F.	5,180.05
Pease, Robert A. & Claudia C.	3,120.77
Peasley, Renee L.....	1,958.36
Peck, Daria M.	3,380.03
Pedreira, Margaret P.....	2,835.35
Pelkey, Deborah M.	638.94
Penitentiary Holding III, LLC	5,418.00
Penney, Russell A. & Priscilla M.	3,962.08
Penobscot Electric Inc.	57.14
Pensco Trust Co FBO Lynn M. Crowell, IRA ..	4,262.73
Pepsico Sales, Inc.	348.30
Perkins, Brian D. & Anne E.	4,959.80
Perkins, Paul R. & Carole G.	2,318.58
Perry, Benjamin C. & Mary A.	2,937.04
Perry, Marian.....	100.63
Peter Stearns Sales & Leasing LLC	13,411.61
Peters, Clyson L. & Dyann J.	2,515.83
Peterson, Mark E. & Neala F.....	6,660.39
Peterson, Mark R.	449.40

Peterson, Monalisa.....	1,339.26
Petit, Jennifer & Haskell, Mark	2,666.11
Pfander, Erika B.	1,172.17
Philbrook, Leroy W.	1,340.86
Philbrook, Mark E.	3,354.24
Philbrook, Maxine H.	2,513.83
Philip, Charles B. & Amy V.....	929.66
Phillips Associates LLC	4,577.11
Pietroski, Donald F. & Anne A.....	2,102.30
Pietroski, Matthew D. & Amelia R.....	2,091.43
Pik-Qwik Thomaston, Inc.....	1,035.03
Pine State Trading Co.....	324.46
Pinkham, Muriel M.....	2,686.77
Pinkham, Paul A. & Susan E.	1,636.56
Piper, Jane S. Revocable Trust	3,740.52
Pitney Bowes Global Financial.....	22.85
Platt, Lawrence D. Jr.	1,910.24
Plummer, Evelyn T.....	1,697.94
Poland, Forest Estate	974.97
Polk, Pamela J.....	3,652.86
Polk, Robert W.	1,816.18
Port Clyde Seafood Co.	7,275.46
Porter Family Thomaston Trust.....	3,727.32
Portland Cellular Partnership dba Verizon Wireless	2,139.14
Postcard Dude.....	126.40
Potter, Maria L.....	3,769.97
Powell, Douglas L. & Carr, Barbara.....	1,511.13
Powell, Steven D. & Linda S.....	3,534.05
Prater, Willard & Phyllis	3,410.13
Prentiss, George A. Jr.	1,866.58
Prescott, Lorna Berry.....	4,375.88
Preston, Steven & Mark.....	2,890.94
Pretzel, Carol Ann	2,188.77
Pritchard, Constance R.	3,219.13
Proctor, Loring E. & Debbie A.....	1,724.28
Putansu, Sharon E.....	2,288.56
Qian, Jian Ping.....	6,968.64
R&R Perelman Judaica Foundation	16,086.67
Rahaim, George L. & Laura Renee	2,536.70
Ranney, Mark W.....	3,880.18
Ranney, Tacy T.....	2,896.15
Ranquist, Donna	936.62
Ranquist, Gwendolyn M. & Robinson, Beverly A.	1,870.80
Rapalyea, Richard G. & Walden-Rapalyea, Diane	4,933.12
Raynes, Eleanor D. & Bernard E.....	2,376.09
Rector, Christopher W. & Elizabeth P.....	5,983.44
Rector, Marian E.....	2,909.07
Reed, Mark	831.60
Renton, Lisa J. & Redfern, Scott	3,929.00
Reynolds, Linda D.	1,508.00
Ricci, Patrick J. & Chananad.....	4,065.75
Rich, James A. & Carol A.	2,426.71
Richard Barnett Photo.....	100.80
Richards, Duane C. & Darlene	4,730.61

Richards, Joanne L.	3,148.72
Richards, Martha J.	1,341.33
Richards, William J.	3,604.64
Richardson, Mark D.	2,059.39
Richardson, Seth.....	393.89
Ricoh USA Inc.	50.37
Riff, Judith A.	1,738.62
Rifkind, Richard D. & Mary Ann.....	8,731.80
Rinehart, Roger L. & Dawn M.	829.95
Ripley, Lorice F.....	2,389.92
Rising Properties, LLC.....	4,744.54
Risteen, Jesse A. & Sage L.....	1,921.42
Ritchie, Donna M.	2,580.61
River, Kella.....	1,957.75
Rizkalla, Kristine L. & Bull, Sondra D.....	699.38
Road Runner HoldCo LLC.....	74.21
Roberson, Jacquelyn & Terrance F.....	3,132.71
Roberts, Adam L. & Catherine M.	1,571.96
Roberts, Calvin & Barbara	1,557.48
Roberts, Lance J. & Jennifer A.....	2,109.71
Robertson, Kevin P. & Patricia P.	3,925.15
Robertson, Sarah E.	1,720.62
Robertson, Walter A.	2,919.52
Robinson, Charles B. & Tina M.	999.58
Robinson, Ernest F. & Sharon L.....	2,163.45
Robinson, Gail D.	2,627.44
Robinson, Keith A. & Susan M.	1,739.99
Robinson, Marian A.	3,956.50
Robinson, Michael L. & Valerie J.	2,579.82
Robinson, Paul D. & Becky J.	3,681.06
Robinson, Percy C.	1,309.71
Robinson, Richard & Patricia.....	201.31
Robinson, Richard R.....	1,574.28
Robinson, Sarah E. & Nardone, Richard J.	5,045.26
Robinson, William E. & Beverly A.	2,226.13
Robinson, William E. Jr. & Lynette C.....	1,998.90
Robinson, William L. & Donna F.	1,345.90
Robison, Ann L. & Mack, William F.	5,308.63
Rock City Cycle	268.33
Rock Coast Plumbing & Heating	211.43
Rockland Downtown	12,281.64
Rockland Ford Lincoln Mercury	1,569.81
Rockville Realty, Inc.	1,734.42
Roebke, Ernest E. Estate.....	7,470.57
Rogers, Jean F.	1,182.50
Rohr, Peter M. & Wanda J.....	7,583.35
Rolfe Enterprises, LLC.....	5,544.64
Rolfe, Kenneth J.	3,234.69
Roman, Wilbur E. Sr. & Jean	835.63
Rootie Kazootie LLC.....	25,215.12
Roscoe, Barbara G.....	1,635.23
Roscoe, Frank E.....	1,669.77
Ross, Cindy L.	1,828.21
Ross, Leslie.....	2,276.20
Ross, Thomas & Janette M.....	11,823.00
Round Top Property Management, LLC	2,056.92

Rousselle, Buffy S. & Roland P. & Anne Marie.....	3,220.54
Route, Jeannine L.	1,307.44
Royer, Bruce A.	2,116.48
Rubenstein, Julian S.	3,662.52
Rucevice, Thomas E. & Estey-Rucevice, Terri L.....	3,056.81
Rudolph, David L. & Judith N.....	4,407.84
Rule, Laurie A. & Philip T.	3,333.72
Rush, Don & Lauren.....	3,945.65
Russo, Julie B. & Brooks, Mark F. & Stephen T.	2,835.18
Russomano, Philip J. Jr.....	2,213.08
Ryan, Jane F.	2,017.86
Rytky, Marcia A.	424.20
S&S Properties Trust	5,561.04
Sadler, Robert E. & Marion E.....	2,540.85
Sady, Ian.....	2,481.96
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc.....	22.63
Sala, Tracy Ann & Mergendahl, Peter P.....	2,913.83
Sally, Catherine S.	2,290.43
Samuel Olson.....	676.20
Sanborn, Darryl E.	6,453.10
Sanborn, Darryl E. & McCollett, Kurt A.....	2,716.26
Sanborn, David E. & Joan M.....	3,281.24
Sanborn, Eleanore M. Life Estate & Sanborn, Jacalyn D. & Reed, Cynthia	1,475.96
Sanborn, Herbert E. & Marion.....	2,705.79
Sanborn, Herbert E. & Marion & Spring, Ellen R.	425.63
Sanborn, Herbert E. & Marion Life Estate & Reynolds, Linda D. & Melissa J.....	3,168.60
Sanborn, Jacalyn D.	1,237.19
Sanders, Tina L.	2,302.05
Sanderson, Stewart J. & Belajonas, Cynthia J.1,111.27	
Sanfilippo, Aimee Lynne.....	3,092.70
Saucier, Daniel P.	2,210.88
Saunders, Derek J. & Melanie A.	2,168.98
Sawyer, David & Michelle B.....	2,717.77
Sawyer, Harold.....	2,228.92
Sawyer, Maurice Estate	42.29
Sawyer, Ross E.	3,801.60
Sawyer, Thomas M. & Rhonda S.	2,241.20
Scalzone, Paul J.	2,099.63
Scanlan, Katherine E.	2,262.83
Schmidgall, Richard & Dolores.....	3,410.89
Schooley, Lawrence C. & Ellin	4,186.48
Schroeder, Frances L. Life Estate & Merrifield, Cynthia 1,256.32	
Schulberg, Cinda H.....	3,479.77
Scientific Games International.....	89.11
Scott Kingsley, DMD 815.84	
Sea Street Graphics.....	1,060.08
Seafood Palace, LLC	854.99
Seal Harbor Construction 100.80	
Seal Harbor Construction LLC.....	6,017.22
Seastead, Robert A.	2,986.72

Seavey, Christopher S. & Sarah M.	3,304.07	Soule, George E.	1,820.63
Seekins, Pearle E.	1,850.22	Sparta Vending Dist. Me.	479.66
Seekins, Wayne D. & Claire F.	4,707.07	Spaulding, Patricia L.	2,681.45
Seiders, Guy & Diane	3,791.59	Spear, Gloria M. & Olsen, Sandra Leigh	3,633.34
Senecal, Daniel	10,015.12	Spearin, Donn D.	1,504.32
Sequin, Dawn M.	3,066.69	Spicer, Justin J. & Vanorse, Holly J.	1,428.39
Sevon, Arthur E. & Edith	1,366.04	Spofford, Barry A. & Stacy J.	2,179.77
Sevon, Russell E.	4,538.13	Spooner, Jana L. & Daniel F.	2,650.52
Shacklett, Brian G.	1,535.94	Spring, Ellen R.	2,192.38
Shaw Yacht Inc.	298.05	St. Clair, Beverly	2,277.81
Shaw, Bernard G.	3,348.44	Stackpole, Julie	6,099.19
Shaw, Daniel B. & Sharon D.	1,844.61	Stafford, Robert E. & Sampson, Patience	7,150.75
Shay, Daniel C.	1,686.27	Stambaugh, Charlotte J. Estate	5,473.42
Shepard Brothers Partnership	63,636.08	Staples, Carol M.	1,403.40
Shepard Brothers Storage	3.36	Staples, Eugene W. & Lorrie B.	1,986.77
Shepard Chevrolet Inc.	420.00	Staples, Larry C. & Jean A.	3,608.82
Shepard Sales Inc.	280.56	Steam Ship Associates LLC	52,421.54
Sherwood, Penny	2,509.13	Stearns, Richard & Mona F.	3,205.74
Shesler, Lawrence F. Jr. Trust	3,272.57	Steele, Steven R. & Donna D.	2,320.37
Shields, Donald & Mary Ann	2,161.62	Steel-Pro Land LLC	4,406.64
Shields, John E. & Joanne M.	1,005.19	Steiner, Christopher A.	2,041.23
Shook, Thomas G.	4,412.18	Steinhardt-DeLoe, Ronna & DeLoe, Harry ...	3,493.24
Shoreline Home Sales	62.80	Stephens, Marlene L.	1,212.20
Shortall, Keith T.	1,615.94	Stern, Kenneth M. & Abigail E.	6,185.96
Simeone, James J. & Althea H.	2,864.60	Sternberg, David B.	2,024.01
Simmons, Darcy M.	2,463.80	Stevens, James W. & Maureen P.	8,029.16
Simmons, Scott W.	1,365.62	Stilwell, Nicholas S. & Megan J.	2,363.81
Simmons, Virginia C.	1,480.06	Stine, Gregory & Sherry	3,349.32
Simmons, Wallace D. & Roxanne T.	3,035.63	Stinson, Wayne W. & Brenda W.	4,674.89
Simms, Elizabeth C. & Jeffery J.	3,453.73	Stites, William & Sara	5,155.63
Simms, Mallory E.	1,730.58	Stone, Marion H.	2,448.84
Simoneau, Craig N. & Theresa M.	6,374.44	Stone, Sayward & Valerie	2,931.80
Simoneau, Jo Ann	5,327.72	Stopper, Roger C. & Virginia E.	2,376.61
Simoneau, Mary G.	5,932.74	Storer, Paul E.	2,241.51
Singer, Kevin & Christen Bourgeois	2,172.83	Stred, Teresa	1,096.82
Sirois, Wayne A. & Paula J.	2,139.45	Strong & Hokkanen	84.10
Slipway Restaurant	840.00	Strong Agency	113.65
Smalley, Brian & Jean Ann	2,577.20	Strong, Mark W. & Julie C.	4,998.02
Smallidge, Michael & Laurie	4,067.55	Strong, Mary H.	8,142.47
Smallwood, Carolyn M. & Craig B.	1,856.06	Strong, Scott V. & Corinna M.	3,119.89
Smart Properties, LLC	13,023.09	Strong, Tiffany M.	2,697.98
Smarty Pants	103.20	Stuart-Libbey, Rosemary	385.58
Smith, David C.	1,279.57	Stubby's Service Ctr.	1,176.00
Smith, Glenn M.	1,974.34	Studio 494	162.96
Smith, Heath	391.00	Sturks, James C.	2,293.12
Smith, Jerry A. & Victoria C.	6,101.52	Sturks, James L. & Diana	2,609.90
Smith, John H.	1,675.82	Styles, George & Bertha M.	2,588.75
Smith, Keith K. & Kimi L.	3,410.97	Sullivan, John R. & Elizabeth A.	2,955.42
Smith, Martin R.	2,621.10	Sunset Terrace Association	3,259.18
Smith, Nancy E.	2,373.50	Supercuts	690.55
Smith, Patricia J.	1,555.55	Surek, Peter L. & Sonja K.	2,228.69
Smith, Russell J. & Worley-Smith, Brett	3,532.72	Surek, Shawn D. & Hersom, Lisa L.	3,990.50
Smith, Samuel R.	1,129.97	Swan, Kyle & Johnson, Julee	2,809.16
Smith, Spencer E. & Barbara E.	3,033.96	Swanholm, S. Roy & Nancy H. Life Estate & Larrabee, Elaine A.	3,254.36
Smith, Theresa	3,397.46	Swanson, Anita L.	1,442.13
Snow, Lynn M.	206.37	Swanson, Roy J. & Anita K.	3,171.05
Snow, Robert C. & Lynn M.	3,345.85		

Sylvester, Joanna G.	2,378.33	U-Haul of NH & ME	28.01
Sylvester, Kay K.	2,441.31	Upham, Gary	2,305.13
Tabbutt, Donald L. & Myah L.	2,356.47	Upham, John W. & Lee Ann M.	2,154.26
Taft, Janek S.	2,871.64	Upham, Paula L.	1,366.73
Tahincioglu, Brandon & Kimberly	2,709.18	US Bank Nat'l Assn.	3,756.06
Talbot, David C. & Donnalee S.	1,586.14	USA Mobility Wireless, Inc.	251.41
Tarbox, Doreen	2,425.55	Van Campen, Timothy & Susan H.	3,964.13
Tardif, Gail P.	1,768.74	Van Horn, Edgar W. & Patricia A.	1,647.81
Tardiff, Laurie	5,300.03	Vargas, Miguelangel N. & Bethany E.	2,277.49
Tassinari, Richard C. & Jennie M.	2,599.80	Vargas, Richard A. & Joan K.	2,519.71
Taylor, Alan K. & Wanda D.	3,561.65	Varsano, Martha G.	3,147.66
Taylor, James R.	1,565.58	Veilleux, Brian T. & Andrea M.	2,292.80
Taylor, Patricia A.	2,048.27	Veit, Karen S.	3,791.69
TD Banknorth Group, Inc.	1,425.77	Verge, Dana R. & Donalene	3,368.67
Temple, John & Shelly	1,654.55	Verizon Credit Inc.	9.14
Terri Hallowell Childcare	67.20	Verizon Wireless	65.81
The Hyler Agency	2,310.25	Vigue, John H.	6,647.24
Theobalds, Douglas C. & Zonjee, Paul F.	11,260.06	Vision Quest Productions	54.55
Thomas, Judith E. & Wayland E.	3,165.88	Von Kamecke, Nobuko	2,718.06
Thomaston Auction Properties LLC	15,213.61	Vose, Nichole E.	2,090.41
Thomaston Baptist Church Parsonage	2,534.23	Wabasha Leasing LLC	7.56
Thomaston Boat & Engine Works	116.44	Wagner, Teresa Ann	5,976.35
Thomaston Cafe	220.90	Walker, Judith M. & McCarthy, Daniel	1,141.96
Thomaston Federated Church Parsonage	2,927.32	Walker, Melissa M.	2,421.90
Thomaston Grocery	36.96	Walker, Sandor P. & Elizabeth H. & Podmaniczky, Michael S.	3,184.27
Thomaston Hotel LLC	92,149.68	Walker, Stephen E. & Etta A.	3,077.76
Thomaston Laundromat	517.04	Wallace, Celia S.	2,908.67
Thomaston Place Auctions	816.68	Wallace, Lindy L.	1,782.04
Thomaston Property Holdings, LLC	44,520.00	Wallace, Raymond L. & Ann S.	845.81
Thomaston Realty, LLC	13,177.08	Wallace, Raymond L. Jr. & Raymond L. Sr. & Ann S. Life Estate	2,468.51
Thomaston Yoga Studio LLC	17.52	Wal-Mart Real Estate Business Trust	23,597.08
Thorbjornson, Travis & Renee	2,749.19	Walsh, Richard E. & Catherine L.	1,925.53
Thorndike, Annie & Donald R.	1,801.30	Ward, Neil K. & Polly A.	4,774.16
Thorndike, Wayne S.	855.24	Warford, Faye F. & Bill J.	2,706.18
Thorndike, Wayne S., Robert A. & Donald R.	1,953.40	Washburn, Frances	2,612.69
Tibbetts, Paul E. Living Trust	3,568.49	Wasson, William M. & Judith A.	2,639.85
Tibbetts, Art.	3,103.23	Watkins, Jonathan M. & Kendra L.	8,915.90
Tibbetts, Mathew A.	3,672.65	Watts, Bentley M.	1,093.14
Time Warner NY Cable LLC	4,151.65	Watts, James M. & Elizabeth	2,303.97
Timepayment Corp.	218.33	Watts, Robert F. Jr.	2,006.93
Titus, Earl R. Jr. & Joan C. Est.	2,749.50	Watts, Watts & Thorndike	1,241.45
Todd, Western A. Jr. & Goddard, Jana.	4,134.85	Wayport Inc.	39.80
Tokarz, Peter P. & Donna E.	6,456.46	wceDesign/wcePublishing	72.81
Toler, Larry L. & Cynthia M.	2,876.16	Weaver, Donald J. & Laurel B.	6,227.58
Topham, David & Joan	2,184.79	Weaver, Julia M.	2,197.79
Townsend, Darryl J. & Heidi L.	4,983.64	Webster, Craig H. & Mary D.	2,662.43
Townsend, John B. & Claudette M.	1,630.89	Weddle, Jacqueline E.	1,691.36
Traction Heavy Duty Parts	521.15	Weed, Curtis B. Jr. & Karen S.	1,252.32
Treeworks	33.60	Weiss, Robert P.	2,695.78
Trout, Stuart F.	1,367.60	Wells, John F. & Roxanne	3,100.73
Tucker, Brenda L.	3,712.82	Wescott, Kevin	8,020.32
Tung, Sanhuang	3,266.42	Wes's Glass	65.23
Turner Lyman Company, LLC	11,124.79	Western Union Financial Servs	13.59
Turner, Richard P. & Carmen H.	1,750.51	Wheaton, B. Thomas	1,528.45
Tyler, Aimee E.	2,536.78	Wheaton, George W. & Katharine S.	2,626.90
Tyler, William R. & Sarah A.	2,392.32		

White, Leona	1,811.61
Whithead, Michael W. & Wolfe, Kathryn S.....	3,160.32
Whiting, Scott K.....	2,896.64
Whitney, Barbara G.....	5,763.91
Whitten, Leroy R. Jr. & Susan M.	4,862.09
Wiggin, Harold L. & Phyllis.....	1,673.40
Wigglesworth, Allan F. & Laurel B.	2,599.58
Wiley, Donald E. & Geraldine M.....	2,834.92
William E. Dornan & Sons.....	491.10
Williams, Irene Brooks.....	1,015.88
Williams, J. Vance & Luchetti, Carol Q.....	5,399.35
Williams, Melvin & Douglas.....	3,263.65
Williams, Warren & Harriet	2,033.99
Willis, Paul J. & Karen E.....	2,491.36
Wilson, Janice F.	3,069.23
Wilson, Paul G. & Sandra A.....	6,992.43
Wilson, Timothy H.	2,957.51
Wincapaw, Karen	2,030.48
Winchenbach, Eugene F. III & Leila C.	2,572.53
Winslow, Richard C. & Nancy L.....	2,033.72
Winsor Consulting	10.05
Winston, Mark D. & Jody E.	2,255.45
Witham, Troy H. & Dawn M.....	3,031.27
Wojtul, Peter.....	2,265.65
Wolfe, Christopher W.....	2,175.57
Wolfertz, Melody.....	1,802.57
Wood, Timothy & Harkins, Amanda.....	2,043.06
Wood, Wendy Jo W.....	1,844.32
Woodcraft Shop Inc.....	92.33
Woodman, Caroline.....	3,168.77
Woodman, Chandler S. & Arlene C.	2,862.00
Woodman, Jeffrey M. & Christina L.	7,591.08
Wooster, Henry T. & Dallman, Laura	2,258.74

Wooster, Milton H. & Shirley A.....	2,173.03
Workman, Robert & Joan & Noah	893.46
Wotton, Lillian A. Estate	4,043.11
Wotton, Sherwood L. Jr. & Patricia J.Moran.....	2,553.68
Wotton, William G. & Christina M.	1,878.76
Yates, Jason R.....	168.00
Yattaw, Christopher G. & Tori T.....	5,348.82
Young, Douglas G.	2,650.25
Young, Gary C. & Lois J.	3,293.88
Young, Margaret L.	2,789.12
Young, Michael S. & Amy K.	2,636.42
Young, Tammi L.	1,891.19
Zwick, Gerald D. & Micaela B.....	4,521.01

OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES

Real Estate As of April 30, 2013

2011/2012 Tax Year

Alley, Cheryl & Heal, Keith	\$ 1,272.07
Archer, Michael	576.19
Ashworth, Amy & Benjamin Whitney	21.48
Beattie, Robert & Debora	1,417.07
Beattie, Robert & Debora	925.98
Beattie, Robert & Debora	1,038.38
Bedell, Michael & Sandra	4,046.97
Benner, Terry	539.36
Bernier, Marie-Denise	3,513.84
Berry, Melody & Rickey	991.53
Bruce, Susanne	1,426.82
Buxton, Melanie & Todd	1,163.55
CSD Properties, LLC	12,044.93
Catalano, Richard, Sr. & Cindy	1,093.99
Cesarini, Diana	1,107.26
Coats, Earl E II	917.89
Colson, Eugene & Lista	434.48
Corbett, James	1,041.66
Delmonico-Read, Rosemary	1,844.56
Ferrin, Elizabeth	105.70
Foltz, Sara	954.82
Gamage, Ronald & Jacqueline	281.70
Genevicz, Robert & Susan Breault	1,426.68
George C Hall & Sons, Inc.	17,558.38
George C Hall & Sons, Inc.	4,957.64
George C Hall & Sons, Inc.	5,059.27
George C Hall & Sons, Inc.	473.97
Goodnow, Justin	2,912.58
Harjula, Christopher	2,202.78
Harjula, Jacqueline	4,367.62
Harjula, Jacqueline	5,922.36
Hathorne, Charles	556.56
Henry, Susan	442.53
Jacques, John & Mary Jane	3,448.68

Jones, Norene & George	2,237.14
Jones, Thomas & Wendy Meklin	1,826.40
Jordan, David & Sandra	1,997.40
Lawson, Janice & Robert	1,354.48
Linscott, Wayne	3,321.68
Little, Andrea	2,644.37
Living Center at Thomaston, LLC	6,784.40
McWilliams-Hale, Denita & Hale, Steven	586.66
Molly, Callyn	2,302.72
Payson, Timothy	4,841.56
Peterson, Mark	45.93
Philbrook, Mark	3,190.52
Phillips Associates, LLC	4,354.50
Poland, Mildred & Forest	927.38
Prentiss, George, Jr.	1,775.47
Rich, James & Carol	2,308.26
Rising Properties, LLC	4,512.96
Roebke, Ernest E, Estate	8,340.67
Roscoe, Frank	1,598.62
S&S Propoerties Trust	5,289.60
Smith, Heath	51.55
Stafford, Robert & Sampson, Patience	6,801.73
Talbot, David & Donnalee	1,508.72
Thomas, Tom	467.82
Titus, Earl & Joan	2,616.10
Vigue, John	4,563.71
Vigue, John	1,759.08
Wilson, Timothy	2,813.15
Wooster, Milton & Shirley	2,066.97
Wotton, Lillian, Estate	1,998.38
Wotton, Lillian, Estate	327.43
Wotton, Lillian, Estate	429.86
Wotton, Lillian, Estate	205.18
Wotton, Lillian, Estate	467.83

TOTAL REAL ESTATE TAXES DUE	\$ 172,407.51
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OUTSTANDING
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
As of March 1, 2013

2012 Tax Year

Angelique's Fine Used Furniture	23.59
Athen's Mediterranean Pizza	559.64
Billy's Tavern/William & Chris Burke	541.16
Boat Shop Christopher & Wm. G. Biggart	116.98
Bryan's Body & Fender/Bryan Marshall	227.08
Capstone Electric Inc/ Michael Bedell	93.40
Catalano Construction	992.66
Chemrock Corp.	129.93
Coastal Child Care Center, Inc	197.66
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,415.49
Donna's Lil Darlings/Donna Steele	63.62
George C. Hall & Sons, Inc.	5,699.59
Images Hair Salon/ Renee Thorbjornson	58.20
J. Miller & Associates PLLC	13.99
Jeff's Autobody & Restoration/Jeff Clough	54.46
Maine Web Design & Development/Dirigo Employment LLC	4.91
New England Vending	6.92
Oyster River Handyman/ Tom Jones	19.34
Postcard Dude/Michael Blood	54.65
Rock City Cycle	232.03
Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc	2.71
Scientific Games International/Susan Schiro & James Hatch	48.27
Sea Street Graphics	1,346.39
Shaw Yatch, Inc./Bernie Shaw	257.73
Shoreline Home Sales/Robert Bird	63.63
Smarty Pants/Catherine Kulka	89.25
Sparta Vending Dist. ME	414.76
Strong Agency	22.96
Studio 54/Michael Martineau	140.91
Thomaston Café	18.84
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue	5.56
Traction Heavy Duty Parts	450.65
Verizon Wireless/Portland Cellular Partnership	440.98
Wabasha Leasing LLC	8.16
Waterfront Market	71.03
William E Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	424.65
TOTAL 2012 PERSONAL PROPERTY DUE	\$14,248.15

OUTSTANDING PROPERTY TAXES

Real Estate
As of April 30, 2013

2010/2011 Tax Year

Alley, Cheryl & Keith Heal	\$ 1,255.36
Archer, Michael	557.60
Harjula, Jaqueline	4,310.22
Poland, Forest, Estate/ Mildred Poland. Pers. Rep.	757.50
Wotton, Lillian Estate	323.13
Wotton, Lillian Estate	202.49
TOTAL DUE	\$ 7,406.30

OUTSTANDING
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
As of March 1, 2012

2011 Tax Year

Angelique's Fine Used Furniture	10.21
Athen's Mediterranean Pizza	268.86
Billy's Tavern/William & Chris Burke	342.13
Bryan's Body & Fender/Bryan Marshall	203.72
Capstone Electric Inc/ Michael Bedell	83.80
Catalano Construction	890.56
Chemrock Corp.	255.66
Coastal Child Care Center, Inc	3.69
Creek Hill Auto Repair/Craig Hoppe	1,269.90
Entertainment Resources Inc/Chuck Kruger	2.08
First Data Merchant Services	1.28
GCN Holding LLC	1.31
Jon Bonjour Photography LLC	358.66
Maine Web Design & Development/Dirigo Employment LLC	4.40
Nature's Nest Child Care/ Richard & Stacy Burnett	133.57
New England Vending	6.21
Pitney-Bowes Inc	26.06
Rock City Cycle	208.16
Sea Street Graphics	1,119.17
Shaw Yacht, Inc./Bernie Shaw	115.61
Shelter Man	17.35
Shoreline Home Sales/Robert Bird	46.77
Smarty Pants/Catherine Kulka	80.06
Sparta Vending Dist. ME	372.09
Strong Agency	20.58
Studio 54/Michael Martineau	126.41
Thomaston Grocery/John Vigue	4.98
Traction Heavy Duty Parts	30.61
Verizon Wireless/Portland Cellular Partnership	314.76
Waterfront Market	63.73
William E Dornan & Sons/ Robert Beattie	380.97
TOTAL 2011 PERSONAL PROPERTY DUE	\$ 6,763.22

VALUATION COMPARISONS

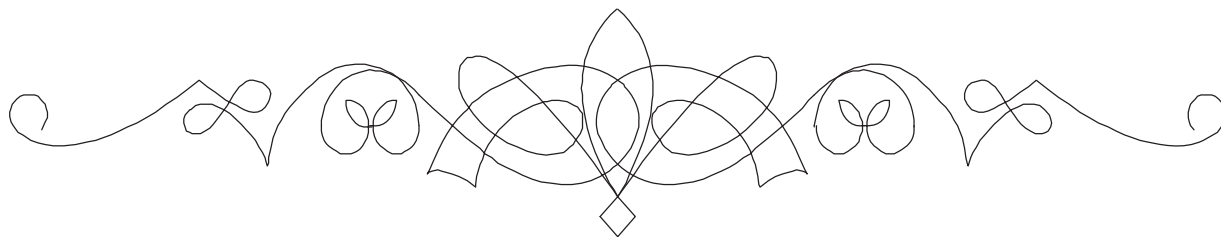
TAX YEAR	MUNICIPAL LESS REVENUES	TOTAL MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE	KNOX COUNTY MIL RATE	SAD #50 MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE W/O UNDESIGN.	REVENUE FROM UNDESIGN.	VALUATION	TOTAL TAX COMMITTED
1994	1,679,194	18.6		158,901	1,589,031		175,000	144,218,180	2,682,458
	-754,789		6.62	1.08	10.53				
	924,405					7.62			
1995	1,702,826	19.85		163,518	1,698,897		175,000	145,450,620	2,887,196
	-693,139		6.94	1.12	11.68				
	1,009,687					8.14			
1996	1,484,714	20.95		170,428	1,800,281		120,000	146,459,900	3,068,334
	-700,528		5.35	1.16	12.29				
	784,186					6.17			
1997/98	1,673,612	22.2		175,305	1,943,693		100,000	147,819,680	3,281,596
	-820,924		5.76	1.19	13.15				
	852,688					6.44			
1998/99	1,771,052	23		182,035	2,055,284		0	137,908,460	3,057,584
	-849,007		6.68	1.32	14.9				* (114310)
	922,045								3,171,894
1999/00	1,843,742	23.95		171,081	2,202,037		0	140,115,560	3,118,463
	868,666		6.96	1.22	15.72				** (118776)
	975,076								3,237,242
2000/2001	1,893,975			174,434	2,316,907		0	139,802,030	3,365,806
	913,705	24.95	7.13	1.25	16.57				*** (122255)
	980,270								3,488,061
2001/2002	1,873,428			237,136	2,453,107				3,515,723
	931,504	25.30	^*6.58	1.52	17.2		0	138,961,350	**** (129106)
	941,924			191,505					3,644,829
				45,631					
2002/2003	1,959,979			234,087	2,608,015				3,766,920
	968,397	22.8	^**6.13	1.37	15.3			170,457,660	***** (119221)
	991,582			178,849					3,886,141
				55,238					
2003/2004	1,981,032			246,226	2,586,197				3,746,062
	994,144	22	^***5.82	1.41	14.77			175,050,552	***** (105,050)
	986,888			185,433					3,851,112
				60,793					
2004/2005	2,086,574			262,383	2,581,807			191,845,085	3,847,301
	1,040,044	20.55	^****5.72	1.37	13.46				(95,116)
	1,046,530			204,994					3,942,417
				57,389				31,586,850	649,110
							Total	223,431,935	4,496,411
									3,837,112
2005/2006	2,171,182			259,234	2,487,157			200,989,447	(92,231)
	1,012,793	19.55	^*****5.88	1.29	12.38				3,929,343
	1,158,389			201,272					
				57,962				45,134,667	882,383
							Total	246,124,114	4,719,495
									4,183,288
2006/2007	2,378,216			277,406	2,670,118			213,048,078	(98,979)
	1,055,659	20.10	6.27	1.30	12.53				4,282,266
	1,322,557			216,749					
Overlay	12,185			60,657				46,778,692	940,252
	1,334,743						Total	259,826,770	5,123,540
									4,692,480
2007/2008	2,543,116			307,939	2,868,303	*		301,818,271	(76,249)
	1,107,474	15.8	5.28	1.02	9.5				4,768,729
	1,435,642			238,316					
Overlay	156,845			69,623				48,767,766	770,531
	1,592,487						Total	350,586,037	5,463,011

	TAX YEAR	MUNICIPAL LESS REVENUES	TOTAL MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE	KNOX COUNTY MIL RATE	SAD #50 MIL RATE	MUNICIPAL MIL RATE W/O UNDESIGN.	REVENUE FROM UNDESIGN.	VALUATION	TOTAL TAX COMMITTED
										4,747,893
	2008/2009	2,682,073			326,176	2,891,520	*		323,941,118	(72,244)
		1,102,474	14.95	5.02	1.01	8.92				(22,783)
		1,579,599			250,613					4,842,920
	Overlay	45,625			75,563				49,676,516	742,663
		1,625,224							373,617,634	5,490,556
										4,942,828
	2009/2010	2,669,769			339,046	3,004,355			324,440,191	(79,132)
		1,034,032	15.48	5.17	1.05	9.26				(373)
		1,635,737			264,971					5,022,334
	Overlay	43,196			74,075				51,516,074	797,469
		1,678,933							375,956,265	5,740,297
										5,068,734
	2010/2011	2,723,125			362,865	3,081,598			325,421,025	(59,747)
		1,065,257	15.77	5.18	1.12	9.47				(3,409)
		1,657,868			279,685					5,131,890
		29,559			83,180				49,182,864	775,614
		1,687,427							374,603,889	5,844,348
										5,172,865
	2011/2012	2,723,738			369,443	3,115,596			327,506,758	(59,344)
		987,978	15.98	5.34	1.13	9.51				(1,348)
		1,735,760			282,193					5,233,557
		12,758			87,250				49,408,196	789,543
		1,748,518							376,914,954	5,962,408
										5,465,321
	2012/2013	2,844,543			348,548	3,241,524			330,678,358	(63,565)
		897,368	16.80	5.94	1.06	9.80				(26,511)
		1,947,175			279,934					5,555,396
		18,150			68,614				49,730,802	835,477
		1,965,324							380,409,160	6,300,798
										5,478,334
Estimate	2013/2014	2,836,216			367,738	3,241,524			330,678,358	(63,716)
		897,368	16.84	5.93	1.11	9.80				(26,574)
		1,938,848			297,530					5,568,624
		20,514			70,208				49,730,802	837,467
		1,959,362							380,409,160	6,315,801
***** For tax year 2002/2003 the Homestead Exemption represents a \$5,229,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$119,221..										
***** For tax year 2003/2004 the Homestead Exemption represents a \$4,775,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$105,050..										
** For tax year 2004/2005 the Homestead Exemption represents a \$4,650,000 valuation which translates into a savings to the taxpayers of \$105,050..										
** Includes overlay in the amount of \$12,661.76										
*** Includes overlay in the amount of \$ 52,457.00										
**** Includes overlay in the amount of \$ 31801										
***** Includes overlay in the amount of \$ 51696										
***** Includes overlay in the amount of \$23239 Homestead Valuation 9,435,440 divided by 2 with Homestead Exemption savings of 92231										

MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS



**Academy Trustees
Thomaston Academy Report
Watts Block Trustees
Watts Block Report**



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE THOMASTON ACADEMY TRUSTEES

HENRY CAREY

CHAIRMAN

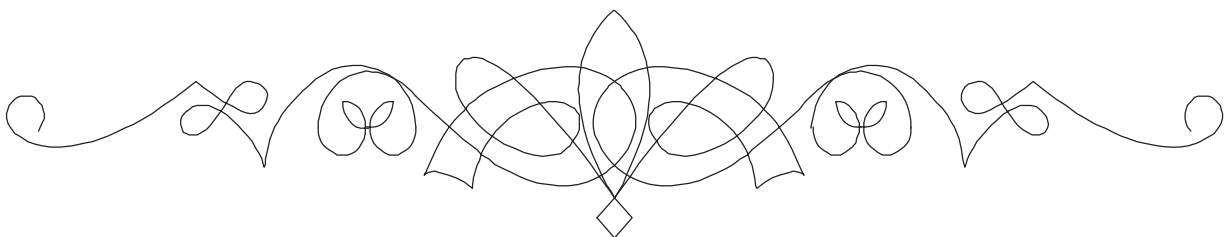
The Thomaston Academy has seen some internal moving around on the top floor, hopefully providing the tenants with a more amenable space situation. Midcoast Christian Academy now has the outer rooms on the East Wing providing a better core and Shirley Barlow, family counselor, has an interior room. Two artists continue with classes in the northwest corner room and the Penobscot Family Church enjoys space in the West Wing. We are grateful that the tenants get along well and continue to serve the community with their expertise.

The Thomaston Library has moved graciously through the year though the loss of Brian Sylvester, Head Librarian, caused some difficulties. The “crew” stepped forward and under the direction of Joanna Hynd stayed the course until Ann Harris was selected as the new Head Librarian. Greetings, to Ann. We look ahead to dealing with some mutual concerns.

New carpet runners were placed in the second floor hallway. The West side of the top floor had electrical work done with new lines run and a new circuit breaker entrance installed. We were fortunate in having had Steve Aimone with his painting class in the gym and he will lease for a week this summer. Zumba still rules on Monday and Wednesday evenings in the gym.

There is a need to finish the roofing on the north side of the building along with the railing around the bell tower. We will do foundation work at the back of the building to decrease water filtration. We are also investigating better means of heating and cooling the building during the spring, summer and fall periods to decrease fuel usage and provide more acceptable year round environment.

We wish to thank all those involved in the use, maintenance and repair to keep the Academy Building a viable part of the Town’s infrastructure. Thanks to the Trustees for their time and expertise.



WATTS BLOCK TRUSTEES

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE WATTS BLOCK TRUSTEES

BILL HAHN

CHAIRMAN

As has been the norm for many years, Watts Hall was utilized for a multitude of events this past year from municipal meetings to teen dances. For the most part all users were respectful of the property which is both appreciated by the trustees, and a necessity for the facility to continue to be made available and affordable for all. Amongst other users was Camden Civic Theater which rented the facility for a play; as a result new stage curtains were purchased. It is hoped that additional rentals will allow improvements to the aged theater infrastructure, lights, controls, sound etc.

This year the selectmen's room hosted an art show by Caroline Whittaker in July; it was a very successful event and we look forward to her being with us again this year. In preparation for the show, Caroline contributed new track lighting to the Town, which makes the room very attractive for future similar events, and for which we are most appreciative. It has always been a primary goal of the Trustees to keep the facility affordable and available for as many diverse uses as possible; this upgrade creates a whole new set of possibilities.

At the town meeting in June, the taxpayers authorized the expenditure of \$ 35,000 for brickwork corrections on the east wall of the building. This side of the building is most affected by severe weather situations and has suffered water damage. In preparation for the actual repair work, a structural engineer has been hired to evaluate the wall and develop a scope of work and bid documents. This should be completed by early summer to support repair work being completed before another winter season.

The Town continues to benefit from the efforts of Eve Anderson who has taken responsibility for scheduling use of the building for many years; should the reader wish to book the Hall or the Selectmen's room for a function, please call Eve at 354-8835 to make arrangements.

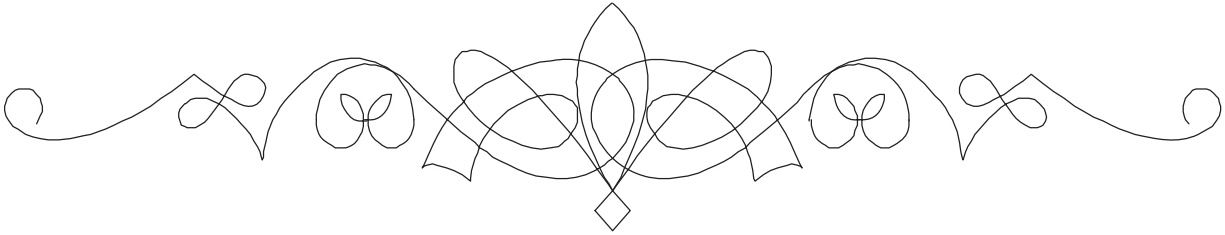
Respectfully submitted,

Bill Hahn

THOMASTON VILLAGE CEMETERY



Cemetery Personnel List Cemetery Trustees' Report



THOMASTON VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

**Lee-Ann Upham
William Hahn
Jonathan Eaton
Greg Hamlin
Margaret McCrea
Joanne Richards
Rod Grindell
Joan Linscott**

SEXTON
Peter Lammert

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE VILLAGE CEMETERY TRUSTEES

PETER LAMMERT

SEXTON

During 2012, there were 24 burials in the cemetery. Seventeen were cremains or ashes, six were full body and one child was buried. The percentage of cremains burials has increased to 74 this is just over 60% from previous years. Seven of these cremains burials were conducted by the family. As sexton, I provided a suitable cloth covered table as well as chairs and other items necessary for the service.

The year started with the theft of cannon balls from the Veterans War Memorial on the east edge of Erin Street. With a suggestion from Sargent Hoppe from our police department, I travelled to Washington where they were located at a scrap yard on Route 17. Because the scrap dealers must track who brings scrap into the facility, Sargent Hoppe was able to narrow the theft to one family but restitution for the cast steel balls and the cost to weld the stacks of balls together is still pending.

The 2012, Maintenance Contract was awarded to Farley and Sons of Rockport who started out doing a creditable job. As the summer wore on, I had to contact the owner several times to find out why work was not being done. At one point because the work got so far behind, the company brought it 9 employees using 7 mowers and assorted string trimmers and they mowed the entire cemetery in one 11 hour day. The cemetery trustees will be going out to bid again for the 2013 season.

Thefts of flowers and other decorations continue to increase. One lot owner installed a game camera to observe the comings and goings around his headstones. I will assist any of you who wish to do this to protect your property. Speaking of property, if you have a family stone and headstones, check with your insurance company to see if they are insured against damage or even theft.

It seems more and more, that the officials at the cemetery are being asked to straighten out family squabbles over graves and lots in the cemetery. When a lot is purchased or granted in time of need, a deed is issued to the person(s) purchasing or being granted the lot. The deed to the lot states the lot owner, location and how many graves are in the lot. Upon the issuance of the deed the lot becomes the property of the family or their heir(s) giving the right of determining who may be interred on the lot to the family and heirs. Once a lot has been sold or granted the only interest in the lot that remains with the Cemetery Trustees is the placement of the stones, planting and decorations on the lot in keeping with the most current set of Village Cemetery by-laws.

Currently we are selling lots in the Sunrise Section of the cemetery which is east of the northern end of Dwight Street. Lots there range in size from single cremains, single grave, double, four and six grave lots. Please contact Town Clerk Joan Linscott at 354-6107 for prices and other information. I am available to show you the lots that are still available.

Damage to trees from wind storms is on the increase with the higher number of wind events that are part of our “new normal” weather. Thanks go to our public works department for helping not

only with the clean-up of the downed trees but opening and closing of the water lines in the cemetery.

A word of thanks, to John Upham, who covers for me when I am unavailable for a funeral service.

Something new were requests from out of state residents who wish to memorialize someone buried within the Village Cemetery and have no way of visiting the site in person asking to have florists deliver arrangements to the town office for placement on lots within the Village Cemetery. Once the delivery is made I then place the arrangement on the correct grave if it is marked in our records. I have also seen an increase in the number of graves that I am asked to find while I am in the cemetery.

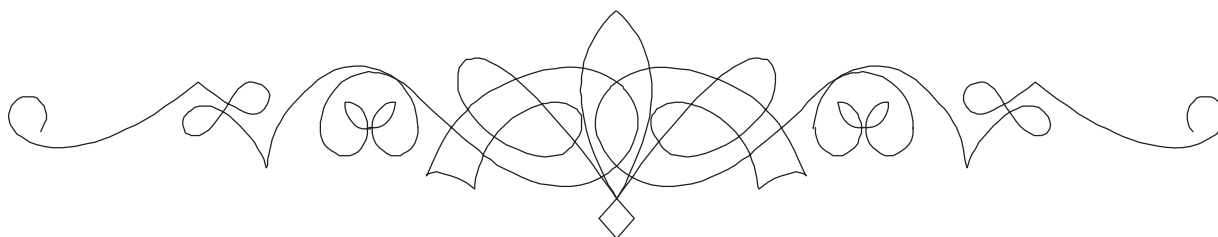
On a sad note, there seems to be more parents and grandparents burying either their children or grandchildren now than in past times.

If you see any activity that does not seem appropriate for the cemetery, please contact me on my cell at 691-2900

***THOMASTON
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**Planning Board Members
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THOMASTON PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Joanne Richards

Chairman

I respectfully submit this annual report to the citizens of the Town of Thomaston and the Board of Selectpersons for the year 2012.

First and foremost, I wish to thank the Planning Board members for their hard work and continued commitment to the citizens of Thomaston. The Planning Board has a great respect for the opinions of each member and the input from the public is invaluable in enabling us to complete our tasks.

2012 was a relatively quiet year with only three Subdivision Plans coming before us:

Granite Gardens, a nine lot Mobile Home Park Subdivision whose plans have not been completed.

Thomaston Green seven lots and a Town park on the former Prison Property whose plans have not been completed.

Bobolink Lane had the addition of three house lots approved by the Board.

The following Site Plans were also approved:

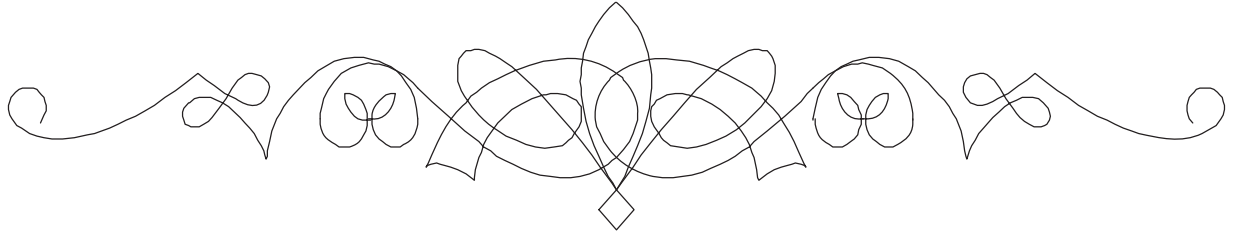
Fabian Oil for bulk fuel oil storage and loading facility on Butler Road.

Amendment to the Site Plan for curbing at Walmart was approved.

The Board also spent hours reviewing the Land Use Ordinances and has held public hearings to review them. The suggested amendments will be presented to the citizens of Thomaston at the Annual Town Meeting for their approval.

I wish to thank Dave Martucci who stepped in as Deputy Code Enforcement Officer and worked diligently to enable the Planning Board to complete its work. I wish to extend a warm welcome to Bill Wasson our new Code Enforcement Officer and look forward to a productive working relationship.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Joanne Lee Richards, Chair*



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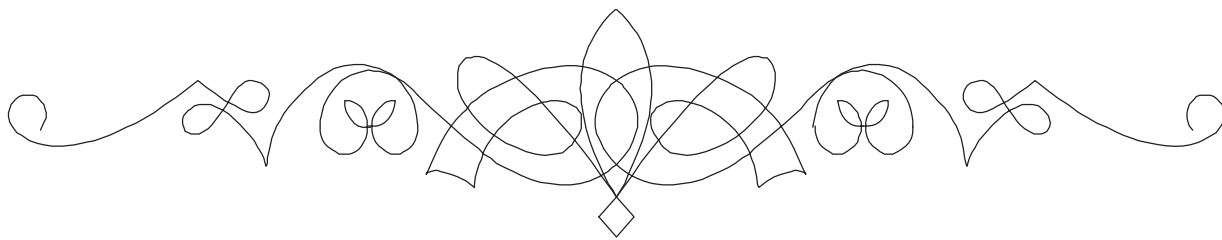
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

Valmore Blastow, Jr.

Acting Code Enforcement Officer

The Zoning Board of Appeals considered 23 applications of which 18 were for Conditional Uses (all approved; 5 with conditions), 3 for Variances (only 1 approved with conditions) and 2 Administrative Appeals (1 denied and 1 deemed not appropriate to be heard).

The most prominent of these were the Conditional Uses granted to East Coast Rover for a storage and maintenance facility on Elltee Circle (next to the new Walmart site) and to Fabian Oil for a bulk fuel storage and loading facility on the Butler Road (behind Dragon Cement's plant).



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Bill Hahn

Chairman

The development of the former prison property continued to be adversely impacted by the economy and a weak housing market this year. Negotiations were undertaken with a local builder for sale of a portion of the site and construction of housing, but concluded without an agreement that the selectmen could support.

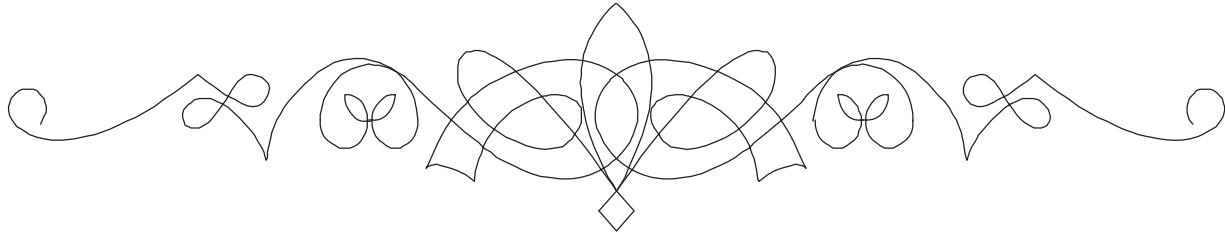
The voters supported the construction of a section of street from Wadsworth Street to the park in the center of the property and installation of associated utilities; the street was nearly finished in the fall and will be completed as soon as weather permits. The street was located as shown on the master plan and will provide a basis which will make the site more marketable for future development. The site plan also was worked through subdivision approval again to reduce development times and to improve marketability.

While progress in the redevelopment of the site has been effectively stalled by the economy and slowed growth, appropriate steps have been taken to make it attractive when conditions improve.

THOMASTON HARBOR



**Harbor Personnel
Harbor Committee Annual Report
Harbor Masters Annual Report**



Harbor Committee

James Cuthbertson	Expires 2015
Jeff Armstrong	Expires 2014
Sandra Jordan	Expires 2013
Peter McCrea	Expires 2013
Doug Theobalds	Expires 2015
Joe McGeady	Expires 2015
Steve Tofield	Expires 2014
Derek Orff, Alternate	Expires 2016

Harbor Master

Gordon Mank, Jr.

975-6553

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HARBOR COMMITTEE

PETER MCCREA

CHAIRMAN

In December 2011, Thomaston's Board of Selectmen made a formal request to the Harbor Committee to study the parking issues at the Public Landing and come forward with recommended changes in existing parking rules. Five meetings in the Winter and Spring of 2012 focussed primarily on this topic, the key issue being summer season peak demand for vehicle parking, both by commercial harvesters and by non-commercial watercraft users, typically at both sides of every daylight low tide. Existing signage made the situation worse as it offered spaces to one user group but didn't ensure their availability through adequate enforcement. The Harbor Committee proposed a summer experiment of having all parking spaces at the Public Landing open to both commercial and non-commercial users, together with removal of conflicting signage, with subsequent evaluation in the Fall of 2012 to measure the impact of this change.

In October 2012, a poll of Thomaston's PD, Town Manager, Selectmen, Harbor Master, and the 5-Town Clam Warden revealed that the new arrangement appeared to be working well and without complaints being heard. The experiment will continue for another summer season (2013) with new signage intended to encourage non-commercial watercraft users to utilize high tide times for reduced parking congestion.

The Committee continued to interact with a riparian landowner who was seeking local permission to expand the float and ramp system on his commercial property which would allow dockage of customers at all tide stages. Permission was granted after requested changes were made and the federal permit was later granted by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The sought-after DE authorization of our harbor from its present Federal Anchorage status may see some progress this year as reports of support behind a likely federal legislation vehicle are reaching the Committee from both Senator Collins, Senator King's and Representative Pingree's office staff. With the passage of this legislation, our harbor can be regulated solely under State and local ordinances, just as other area harbors have accomplished after they sought Congressional action.

Peter McCrea, Chairman,

Thomaston Harbor Committee

HARBOR MASTERS REPORT

GORDON MANK, JR.

HARBOR MASTER

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Harbor Master for the past seven years.

The many uses of the Thomaston harbor and tidal waters have continued to increase. I have been working with the Harbor Committee during the past year to create a comprehensive harbor management plan which may include the placement of a line of moored floats in the center of the harbor. This would allow for the greater use of our limited space and hopefully satisfy the needs of the commercial and recreational boaters in the community.

I would like to thank the employees of the Thomaston Public Work's Department and the Thomaston Fire Department for their help and support throughout the year in keeping the harbor, town landing and Mayo Park a safe and enjoyable place for the boating public.

For harbor related questions I may be reached at 354-6107 ext. 260 or on my cell a (207) 975-6553.

Have a safe and enjoyable boating season and remember to always wear your personal flotation device when boating "Life Vests Save Lives".

THOMASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY



Library Personnel Annual Report

Library Staff

Head Librarian - Ann Harris
Assistant Librarian - Joanna Hynd
Library Assistant - Susan Dixon
Library Assistant - Blake Donaldson
Library Assistant - Judy Hines
Interim Assistant Librarian - Jocelyn Callaghan (hired 8/1/12)

Former Library Positions and Staff for 2012:
Head Librarian - Brian Sylvester (resigned 3/2/12)
Interim Head Librarian - Joanna Hynd (3/3/12 - 11/14/12)
Assistant Librarian – Lisa Baker (resigned 1/26/12)

Library Volunteers

Paula Michaud
Mimi Zwick
Donna Tokarz
John Reed
Katie Hynd
Greg Hamlin
Richard Rich
Janet Bosworth
Robert Heise
Sheilagh Guyer
Nanci Kendall

Davene Fahy
Lysbeth Andrews
Alice and William Dashiell
Marty Hastings

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**Annual Report
2012-2013**

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Monday	11:00 to 7:00
Tuesday	11:00 to 5:00
Wednesday	11:00 to 5:00
Thursday	11:00 to 5:00
Friday	11:00 to 7:00
Saturday	11:00 to 3:00

Number of items circulated during the 2012 calendar year: 42,035

Overall circulation for the library was up 5.8 % from 2011!

Average monthly circulation: 3503

*To buy that many books from a retail vendor would cost nearly \$60,000.¹**

Every month. Or, almost three-quarters of a million dollars a year.

eBook and Audio Book Downloads: 631

This is a 244% increase from last year in downloading from the thousands of eBooks and audio books available on Overdrive.

Quote from one of our regular patrons:

"I love the comfortable couches and chairs, the classical music you play, and the fact that there is room to work on the computers. You don't feel crowded; there is ample space to work without bothering someone else or getting in anyone's way. This is such a nice, comfortable place!"

¹ according to data from the ALA's "Library Value Calculator",
<http://www.ilovelibraries.org/getinformed/getinvolved/calculator>

Services Provided:

The library offers wireless internet on both floors and nine computers for public use, all of which are online and can print in color and black and white. Each computer offers the Microsoft Office suite of software programs and is networked to a central printer.

The library houses 24,553 items, with approximately one third of those items for children. The library regularly purchases large-print books, books on CD, popular and classic films, contemporary and best-selling fiction and nonfiction, award-winning children's literature, graphic novels, television series, and books about Maine and by Maine authors. In addition to borrowing from our audiobook collection, patrons may download audiobooks and ebooks directly through our website.

The children's room on the main floor features a play area for young children, a crafts and activities area, picture books, board books, chapter books, young-adult books, graphic novels and comic books, and classic children's movies on both VHS and DVD.

The library houses two carpeted living-room areas on the main floor, with love seats and overstuffed chairs. We have a table dedicated to the game of chess and we feature continuous topical displays of our own library materials and borrowed artistic and cultural items of interest to the community.

In our downstairs space, in addition to its large collection of books, we offer quiet study carrels, a small room dedicated to our Maine reference collection, a world globe, a ClearView magnifying machine, and additional display areas.

Our offerings include print and online subscriptions to the Bangor Daily News, the Portland Press Herald, the Herald Gazette, the New York Times (Sunday edition), and the Christian Science Monitor, as well as print subscriptions to monthly and weekly magazines. Access to numerous other magazines and newspapers and to a wide variety of excellent reference databases is available to all through the Marvel link (Maine's Virtual Library) on the home page of our website.

The library staff offers reference and research assistance, readers' advisory services, computer troubleshooting, and help for special-needs patrons daily. We also present or host a variety of programs each month. In the early spring, we're the area source for paper tax forms and instructions.

Programs:

Monthly Contra-Dances (ongoing):

Beginning in August, library staff collaborated with Steve Cartwright to hold a contra-dance fundraiser in the Thomaston Academy gym. The event and location were so popular, we began hosting a monthly contra-dance to help raise funds for other library events such as our First Friday Children's Story Hour, which features special guests like Jess Day of Midcoast Music Together.

Friday Night Film Series (ongoing):

Presenter Erika Pfander and the Friends of the Library show an eclectic mix of classic, foreign, and award-winning films each Friday evening in Room 200 of the Academy building (weather permitting), free of charge. Each month's offerings reflect that month's theme.

Hallway Books (ongoing):

The Friends of the Library, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, maintains a used bookstore in the corridors of the library, where they sell used paperback and hardcover books, audio books, movies, and more. The bookstore is open during all of the library's open hours and regularly features special sales on particular types of items. All proceeds go to library programs and supplies.

Authors and Artists Among Us lecture series:

This year's spring lecture series, sponsored by the Friends of the Library and made possible by the Rose and Samuel Rudman Library Trust, brought in three artists and three authors, who gave talks about their work. Over 250 people attended the series, which was provided to the public free of charge.

Thomaston Children's Festival:

Dena Davis held the first annual Children's Festival fundraiser on our front lawn. The proceeds from the event went toward funding research for Cornelia deLange Syndrome and toward children's programming at the library. (Jess Day of Midcoast Music Academy and Marcie Howard of Signing Time Academy visited as special guests for Story Hour thanks to Dena's fundraising efforts.) The Children's Festival featured live music, balloon animals, food vendors, read-alouds, baby goats, fire engines, and a whole lot more. The library gives many thanks to Dena Davis and the volunteers who made this very successful celebration possible.

Inter-Generational Book Club:

Originally called "Bookwomen Unite," the Inter-generational Book Club is now open to men and women from high-school age on up and meets on the third Tuesday of each month to discuss a book all participants have read. The library keeps extra copies of each month's title to share with members. For more information and to see a list of upcoming titles, visit the library's website at www.thomaston.lib.me.us.

Lunch Time Book Group at Lura Libby

Library Media Specialist Deanne Tibbits and Assistant Librarian Joanna Hynd have been hosting a book club for advanced readers at Lura Libby Elementary School. The library purchased multiple copies of the Maine Student Book Award nominees for the Lura Libby book group and participated in the reading of *Small as An Elephant* by Jennifer Jacobson.

Cards for Kids

The library collaborated with the local school district on several occasions, bringing two kindergarten classes, two third-grade classes, and one seventh-grade class into the library, giving them a tour, and teaching them about library services such as OverDrive, interlibrary loan, and the ILL van delivery. We sent each student a parental agreement to fill out at home and then gave a library card for each student's signed form.

Presentations & Lectures

The library also arranged several lectures on a variety of topics, from permaculture to the pueblos of the Amazon, from Bing Crosby to the history of Knox County and Thomaston. Every Sunday during the month of July, the library invited a local author to read from his or her latest work and answer questions about the writing and publishing processes.

Summertime Tutoring

Lincolntown summer-resident Nanci Kendall offered free tutoring in reading for children in grades 1-3. Mrs. Kendall retired two years ago from the Butler Elementary School in Avon, MA. She tutored Thomaston students for a six-week period beginning just after the 4th of July. This tutoring opportunity will be offered again in our library the summer of 2013.

Poetry Month Celebrations

To celebrate Poetry Month in April, Diane Schetky came to our library to read poetry from her newest book, *Dancing Bear and Other New Poems*, in an intimate setting on the library couches. Later in April we had another poetry event where six local poets, including the former and new poet laureates of Rockland, read to a nearly filled-to-capacity audience in Room 208.

School Break Events

Friends of the Library member Dena Davis put together a series of children's programs for the week of local schools' spring break. The program involved children's yoga, fairy houses, and insects. Guest speakers came every day to share their knowledge about invasive species, bee keeping, and fairy house building.

Story Hour

In September the library began a weekly story hour featuring a guest for every first Friday of the month. Our guests so far have included the Humane Society, Fire Department, and a professional child entertainer. Our last First Friday guest was a baby sign-language teacher from Signing Time Academy. We had six babies and eight caretakers attending. Our January guest is Jess Day of Midcoast Music Together.

Summer Reading Program

In July the library “hit” off the summer reading program with a very well-attended wiffle ball game, with the help of the Thomaston Parks and Recreation manager. To keep track of books read, we put the titles of every book onto paper plates drawn to look like baseballs and hung them from ribbons in the children’s room. At the end of the summer we celebrated our reading with a handmade ice cream social. The kids took turns turning the crank to make the ice cream.

Community Displays Program:

The Community Displays Program provides display space in the library for any person to sign up and use and has brought several artists to the library to display their work. During 2012 the library hosted:

- An ongoing display of artifacts from the Thomaston Historical Society
- A display of handcrafted cats owned by Maryann Blaisdell
- A retrospective on the Thomaston Academy from the Thomaston Historical Society
- Model airplanes owned and built by William Dashiell
- A display of Danbury Mint Collectibles donated by Keith Alley
- A clock display by Gerry Zwick
- Model trains owned by Neil Shively
- A collection of sea glass found in the Penobscot Bay region, owned by Tammy King
- Artwork in various media by Bryan Jones, Francesca Robinson, Kevin Smith, Nancy Baker, Neil Shively, and Eve Hupper

Martin Luther King Jr. Food Drive:

The library partnered with the local Monday Morning Meeting group and other organizations throughout the Mid-Coast to sponsor a food drive honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The food drive benefited the Thomaston Inter-Faith Food Pantry.

Fall Festival:

The library hosted a Fall Festival for children and area families with a very successful turnout. Children were encouraged to decorate pumpkins, which were given to us at a discounted price by Janet Bosworth and Beth’s Farms. Highlights included a story circle provided by Interim Head Librarian Joanna Hynd and face-painting provided by volunteer Melissa Carter. The Friends of the Library helped

to organize and staff the event and also ran a store-wide sale in the Hallway Bookshop, where everything was half-priced for the day.

Christmas Program

Three days before Christmas, the library hosted a dramatic reading of *A Child’s Christmas in Wales* by Dylan Thomas. The story was read to a small but avid crowd by Peter Jenks and Erika Pfander to the musical accompaniment of David, Gaylea, and Peter Hynd.

Grants and Awards:

Rose and Samuel Rudman Grant: \$500

The Rudman Grant was used by the Friends of the Library to finance their popular Authors and Artists Among Us lecture series. The grant enabled roughly 250 people to meet with six local artists and authors free of charge.

Denise Stadler donation in the memory of Ashiah Pettee: \$50

Ms. Stadler's donation was used to purchase books for the Children's collection.

Donations that contributed to the library's operating fund for 2012:

Hall and Bibber Funeral Home Donation: \$50.00

Donation from the Estate of Luther Dawson: \$2,000

Midcoast Sports Hall of Fame: \$100

Thomaston Raffle: \$400

Lowe's of Thomaston gave a brand new electric space heater to raffle off during the popular October Contra Dance. The heater had a retail value of \$100 and was won by Margaret Kiley of Thomaston.

Also donated by local groups and businesses:

Kitchen faucet set from Rock Coast Heating and Plumbing

Wall quilt from Quilt Divas

Two gift certificates to the Monhegan Boat Line

Gift certificate to Slipway

Dinner for two at Whitehall

Down East magazine subscription

Maine Lighthouse Museum membership

Gift certificate to the Thomaston Cafe

Gift certificate to Sweets & Meats

Movie for two from The Strand

Gift certificate to Athens Pizza

Hello Books book club membership

Cashmere Goat gift certificate

Flagship Cinema movie for two

Anonymous Donation: \$1,800 this donation was given to the Friends of the Thomaston Public Library to purchase eReaders and content so that the library can provide greater access to eBooks in varying formats to accommodate our community's growing interest.



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**Letter from US Senator
Susan Collins
Letter from Legislative Representative Chuck Kruger**

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Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to represent Maine in the United States Senate, and I am deeply grateful for the trust the people of Maine have placed in me. Public service is a responsibility I take seriously. In 2012, I reached a milestone by casting my 5,000th consecutive roll-call vote. I have never missed a single roll-call vote, a record unique among current Senators.

As we enter 2013, the economy and jobs remain my top priorities. As a senior member of the Defense Appropriations subcommittee, I am committed to keeping our nation secure and our skilled defense workers on the job. I secured funding to increase the shipbuilding programs at Bath Iron Works and advance essential modernization projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I was honored to receive the Navy League's Congressional Sea Services Award for 2012 as the leading advocate for our maritime services and US shipbuilding.

Maine's economic future recently received a boost with significant federal funds for deep-water, offshore wind energy research and development at the University of Maine and in private sector firms. Maine has some of the strongest and most consistent winds off our coast, and we have some of the world's leading researchers. These funds will help Maine be a world leader in developing this clean, renewable energy source, ultimately resulting in the creation of thousands of good-paying jobs for our state.

As a leader on the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, I am also working to ensure that investments are made in our transportation infrastructure. Early last year, construction began on a modern, safe, and efficient replacement for the Memorial Bridge at Kittery, a project for which I worked to secure funding. Working with the State Department of Transportation, I also secured federal funding to replace the aging Martin Memorial Bridge in Rumford and the decrepit Richmond-Dresden Bridge. In 2013, I will continue to seek funding for improvements in our roads and bridges to make traveling safer and more efficient for our citizens and to facilitate commerce. It is also gratifying to see the heaviest trucks on the Interstates where they belong rather than on our downtown streets and country roads. This is the result of a law I authored in 2011.

Maine's environment is critical to our economy and the health of our residents. I opposed efforts in 2012 that would have weakened the landmark Clean Air Act and would have exposed our state to emissions from coal-fired power plants elsewhere. At the same time, I have continued to work with a bipartisan group of Senators to ensure that federal regulations on industrial boilers

protect our environment without imposing onerous burdens on our forest-products industry and other manufacturers.

Many Mainers contacted me last year to express concern about the Postal Service, which is essential to our economy and our way of life. Last year, the Senate approved legislation I co-authored to help put the Postal Service on a sound financial footing since it has been losing billions of dollars. Although the House failed to act on our bill, the Postal Service has heeded my requests to keep open the vital mail processing center in Hampden. I will continue to work to ensure that all Mainers, regardless of the size of their communities, have access to the postal services upon which they rely.

As the daughter of a World War II veteran wounded in combat, I know how important quality, accessible health care is for our veterans. This past year, I worked to ensure that our rural veterans' health care facilities are fully staffed and to strengthen our Veterans' Homes. Federal health agencies also began an investigation into whether Maine veterans were exposed to toxic defoliant chemicals while training at Gagetown, New Brunswick.

With shortages of medications putting patients at risk, I co-sponsored legislation to encourage manufacturers to report anticipated production problems to help avert shortages. Through this voluntary approach, more than 200 potentially life-threatening shortages were prevented last year.

While Congress averted a huge increase in tax rates for middle-income American families and small businesses, there remains a lot of work to be done to reduce our unsustainable \$16.4 trillion debt. It is essential that we do so in a responsible way, but that Washington stop delaying decisions that will help shape our economy and future prosperity.

I remain committed to doing all that I can to address your community's concerns in 2013. If I may be of assistance to you in any way, I encourage you to contact my state office in your area.

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



House of Representatives State of Maine

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your Representative to the 126th Maine Legislature.

Now in my third term, I serve on the Joint Standing Committee on Marine Resources and as House Chair of the Government Oversight Committee.

Both are fascinating; I enjoy both very much and I believe my service is of significant benefit to constituents. There are many very tough issues, but I believe strongly in the spirit of cooperation and retain a desire to make things better for the people of District 48 and the great State of Maine.

Please feel free to contact me with questions or comments about any matter of Maine State Government, or if you'd like to receive an occasional update from me on activities, issues, etc.

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Thank you for the opportunity to work for you at the State House in Augusta.

Sincerely,

Rep. Chuck Kruger

Representing House District 48: Thomaston, St. George, South Thomaston, part of Owl's Head, Matinicus and the Unorganized Territory of Criehaven



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COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS



Thomaston Historical Society



Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE THOMASTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mimi Zwick

President

The Thomaston Historical Society has shown growth in several important areas over the past year. After three years the position of president has been filled. The members of our board for 2012-2013 are: Mimi Zwick, president and membership; Susan Devlin, vice-president and museum curator; Aleta Kilborn, secretary; Gerry Zwick, treasurer; Peggy McCrea, historian; William Dashiell, finance (acting); Eve Anderson, publicity/webmaster; Sandra Caron, book orders; Donna Tokarz, Knox Day coordinator; Kathy Daley, volunteer coordinator; and Galo Hernandez III, consultant for building and grounds. Thank you to all board members, past and present, for your cheerful service.

Our membership has increased from 125 to 140 members in three membership categories: Individual, \$18; Family, \$25; and Business/Organization, \$50. Members are entitled to discounts at our house tours and at our museum store. Receipts from membership dues go directly toward office and operating expenses for our building and grounds. Individuals who want to know more about Thomaston's history or wish to become a member and/or a volunteer are encouraged to contact us at 354-2295.

Opportunities to visit our museum have expanded. In July and August we opened the museum on Saturdays from 1-3 P.M. The museum is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 P.M. June through September and on Tuesdays from 2-4 P.M. October through May, weather permitting. The number of visitors recorded for 2012 is 87, though many more toured the museum without signing our guest book. Those who did sign came from all areas of the country including Texas, Utah, California, Florida, Montana and even Quebec, Canada. There is no fee to tour the museum, though donations are greatly appreciated and are used to sustain the archival work that is an ongoing project at the museum. A work party meets on Tuesdays from 2-4 P.M. throughout the year to accomplish various tasks such as cataloging donations, sorting and arranging materials, creating new exhibits, etc. The historical society is also in partnership with the Thomaston Public Library and uses exhibit space at the library as well as at the museum.

Our museum acquired several significant donations this past year. In June Richard Spear donated a diminutive early wood printing press with a slab of Thomaston black marble as the printing base. In August Nancy Richard donated a wing chair with its original upholstery from the Senator Ruggles House, purchased when the contents of the Ruggles House went up for auction. In September the estate of Luthera Dawson donated, among other things, a walking spinning wheel which was owned by Luthera's grandmother. Another item of interest from the Dawson estate is a belaying pin from the schooner *Reine Marie Stewart*. John Upham donated some letters, circa 1777-1779, one of which refers to a town meeting here in Thomaston.

We are grateful for all the donations which were given to us and hope that our residents will visit the museum to view our acquisitions.

One very important service that is offered by the Thomaston Historical Society is researching information about families, businesses or ships that had a connection to Thomaston. Requests for information come via the phone, our website or through the Maine Memory Network. These queries are responded to by our webmaster or are passed on to our historian who gathers any available information and contacts the requesting party. These requests average about 50 per year.

Education is an important goal for the Thomaston Historical Society. This past year Peggy McCrea partnered with Lynn Snow, fifth grade teacher at the Thomaston Elementary School. Peggy visited Lynn's classes and talked with the students about important people and events in Thomaston and brought several historic artifacts to share with the students. In addition, the Historical Society sponsors monthly programs from May through October, which are open and free to the public. The programs for 2012 were as follows: May—Thomaston's Marble and Lime Quarries with Peggy McCrae; June—Author Ingrid Grenon talking about her book "Foretelling an Era: Captain Harold Foss and the schooner *Edna Hoyt*", a Thomaston-made schooner; August—Historian Blaikie Hines and his most recent Civil War book *Battle of 1st Bull Run*; September—costume historian Julie Stackpole narrated a fashion show of styles from 1820s-1920s at Watts Hall; October—a guided tour of the Elm Grove Cemetery with interesting stories from Thomaston's history with Peggy McCrae. In July the Thomaston Historical Society marched in the Fourth of July parade with a newly created model of the Knox Farmhouse fabricated by Mike Sodano and Gerry Zwick. July also was the annual celebration of General Henry Knox's birthday with a ceremony at the Elm Grove Cemetery followed by a reception at the Knox Farmhouse.

December 2012 saw the sixth annual Home for the Holidays house tour at the home of Dr. William and Kay Master at 35 Knox Street. The two day event featured a cocktail reception with music and a live auction with Bruce Gamage on Friday and on Saturday the house tour was opened to the public with a silent auction available on both days. The proceeds from this annual fundraiser are used for future acquisitions and for repairs on the Knox Farmhouse. In 2012 these repairs included replacing spalled bricks with good "old bricks" from our supply. Lead flashing was placed on top of each wood window header on the first floor and over both the doors. The seams were then reefed and caulked. The first floor carpet was professionally cleaned. Damaged downspouts were repaired. Needless to say, as one of the oldest buildings in town, the need for repairs is constant and ongoing. A program was begun a few years ago to encourage bequests to support the Knox Farmhouse, and several bequests have been received and are always put to good use to keep our museum alive and well. Please keep the Thomaston Historical Society in mind when planning your charitable donations.

We have become members of the Penobscot Bay Regional Chamber of Commerce, making it possible to publish our programming in *Discover the Jewel of the Coast* magazine as well as their online events calendar. Please refer to the 2013 issue to see our listing of programs for the upcoming summer.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mimi Zwick, president
Thomaston Historical Society**



Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County

Adopt * Care * Educate

The Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County (PMHSKC) is devoted to caring for and placing unwanted and abandoned animals in loving homes; promoting responsible pet ownership, humane treatment of all animals; demonstrating and enhancing the benefits of the human-animal bond and ending pet overpopulation through aggressive spay/neuter and Trap Neuter Return programs.

In 2012, the Pope Memorial Humane Society of Knox County implemented a Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. This effort addresses the burgeoning population of free roaming/feral cats in our service towns. In collaboration with the Community Spay and Neuter Clinic in Freeport (CSNC), PMHSKC will humanely and systematically spay and neuter free roaming/feral cats beginning with the communities of Rockland, Thomaston, Warren and Union.

This tremendous effort benefits all: the cats, the community, and the environment. Free roaming/feral cats are often not adoptable; they must live out their lives with the survival skills they have learned. But after the TNR Program has addressed the colony, trained volunteer caretakers will continue to feed and monitor it, noting additions, kittens, and health issues. By curtailing its population and feeding the cats to minimize hunting and scavenging, the colony's impact is greatly reduced.

Many hands, minds and hearts are needed to help PMHSKC achieve its goal. Volunteers are needed to help in identifying colonies, posting notices and door hangers in targeted areas, and generally spreading the word. Especially helpful would be residents who are currently feeding cats and are willing to assist in trapping them.

PMHSKC, your community animal shelter, welcomes Thomaston residents to contact us to either identify a free roaming/feral colony in your neighborhood or to find out how you can volunteer. Please call the shelter at 594-2200.

TOWN OF THOMASTON FINANCIAL REPORTS



**General Assistance Report
Trust Fund Report
Municipal Spending 1994 -2012/2013
Auditor's Letter
Audit Report**

GENERAL ASSISTANCE

Valmore G. Blastow, Jr.

General Assistance Administrator

The economy continues to impact the Town's and State's costs to assist individuals who find themselves in need of financial assistance. The total average number of requests was 49 per year with an average cost of \$235 each, totaling \$11,515 average per year from 1992 through 2007.

The past four years the average number of requests has increased to 101 with a cost of \$321 each totaling \$34,114 for 2012.

The Legislature has debated reform for the last year of General Assistance which is controlled by State Law under Title 22 through the Department of Health and Human Services. Communities typical of Thomaston are reimbursed 50% of the total expenditures under a formula. However, communities that expend more than three hundredths of a percent (.03%) of their State Valuation receive a 90% reimbursement. Thus, Thomaston's average expenditure of \$97,350 would generate an \$87,750 reimbursement which would require the Town to authorize three times the current expenditure to receive the 90%.

I believe there is a built in incentive for a larger metropolitan area to expend more to exceed the formula and then be reimbursed 90% of the cost. The formula should be a simple straightforward percent for all communities with a cap.

The State further has restricted the ability of applicants to receive only six months of housing benefits. I believe this is misguided as the applicant can simply pay the rent and request benefits for other needs as opposed to requesting the rent. The amount of eligibility total is based on the number of individuals in the household and is set for 30 days less ANY income, which is \$582 for one person, \$770 for two persons and \$879 for three persons, etc. Clearly, these amounts will not support one in this economy. Rent alone is \$500 to \$1,000.

	Total Expended	No. of Applicants	Average Payment for 30 day period per request
1992	\$24,844		
1993	\$23,038	58	\$397
1994	\$13,007	90	\$144
1995	\$ 6,454	51	\$126
1996	\$10,223	57	\$179
1997	\$12,310	80	\$153
1998	\$ 6,442	37	\$174
1999	\$ 9,406	38	\$248
2000	\$19,353	63	\$307

2001	\$ 9,391	31	\$302
2002	\$ 3,877	27	\$143
2003	\$ 8,228	4	\$171
2004	\$12,044	49	\$246
2005	\$ 9,562	35	\$273
2006	\$11,591	31	\$374
2007	\$10,223	35	\$292
2008	\$25,419	85	\$299
2009	\$36,053	118	\$305
2010	\$20,497	88	\$233
2011	\$31,959	106	\$302
2012	\$34,114	106	\$322

The Town issued assistance for specific requests as follows for 2011:

Heating Fuel	7	Water	3
Food/Personal	6	Electricity	18
Rent	59	Burial	1

The Town supported heating fuel and other assistance totaling a cost of \$1,808 from the Charitable Fund.

The Town also received 14 additional requests not meeting eligibility requirements of General Assistance, yet in need. Of those, \$4,217.50 was expended from the Samuel Watts Fund:

Electricity	1	Heat	4
Rent	8	Medical/Dental	1

The Fund also continues to fund \$1,000 towards the annual Thanksgiving Day baskets provided by the Thomaston Food Pantry.

THOMASTON TRUST FUNDS
ENDING BALANCES 6/30/12

CEMETERY FUNDS

<i>Operating Fund – Checking</i>	\$ 3,648.52
Helen McBride Flower Fund	469.80
Addie Guild Stone Cleaning	819.37
Leighton CD	4,716.81
 Thomaston Cemetery/Leighton fund – Market Value	 \$425,573.65
<u>TOTAL CEMETERY FUNDS</u>	<u>\$435,228.15</u>

DIETZ SCHOLARSHIP

<i>Dietz Savings</i>	793.74
 Dietz CD	 \$ 68,495.48
<u>TOTAL DIETZ SCHOLARSHIP FUND</u>	<u>\$ 69,289.22</u>

CHARITY FUNDS

Lions Club	1,926.55
Charitable CD	124,431.58
Watts Fund	
Mary E. Campbell	
E.P. George Hospital Fund	
Cassandra A. Washburn	
Mary Watts Fund	
Samuel Watts – Checking	\$ 305.48
* Maine Community Foundation	\$ 74,052.63
Thomaston Charity Fund – Market Value	\$ 241,631.71
 <i>Charitable Fund – Market Value</i>	 \$ 352,125.78
 TOTAL CHARITY FUNDS	 \$ 794,473.73

THOMASTON PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS

<i>Petty Cash</i>	\$ 150.00
Operating Fund – Checking	\$ 2,871.56
Book Fund – Checking	\$ 1,741.55
Public Library Book Fund – Market Value	\$ 342,696.08
Library Agency Fund – Market Value	\$ 967,661.72
<i><u>TOTAL LIBRARY FUNDS</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 1,315,120.91</u></i>

TOTAL THOMASTON TRUST FUNDS \$ 2,614,112.01

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND	\$ 688,639.36
<u>TIF</u>	<u>\$ 536,089.82</u>
	\$ 1,224,729.18

*** These Funds are held independently by Maine Community Foundation**

	2001/2002	2002/2003	2003/2004	2004/2005	2005/2006	2006/2007	2007/2008	2008/2009	2009/2010	estimate 2010/2011
Valuation										
Real Estate	119,804,770	145,083,990	148,170,351	184,515,398	194,445,633	207,539,624	295,244,371	314,473,221	313,943,569	314,580,159
Personal Property	19,156,580	20,131,800	22,105,201	34,288,037	46,960,761	47,362,831	50,515,768	52,788,040	56,876,672	57,240,082
Total Valuation	138,961,350	165,215,790	170,275,552	218,803,435	241,406,394	254,902,455	345,760,139	367,261,261	370,820,241	371,820,241
Homestead Exemption	5,103,000	5,229,000	4,775,000	4,628,500	4,717,720	4,924,315	4,825,898	4,832,398	5,111,898	5,111,898
								1,523,975	24,126	24,126
Total Taxable Valuation Base	144,064,350	170,444,790	175,050,552	223,431,935	246,124,114	259,826,770	350,586,037	373,617,634	375,956,265	376,956,265
				31,586,850	45,134,667	46,778,692	48,767,766	49,676,516	51,516,074	51,516,074
				191,845,085	200,989,447	213,048,078	301,818,271	323,941,118	324,440,191	325,440,191
Revenues										
Tax Commitment	3,515,723	3,766,921	3,746,062	4,496,411	4,719,495	5,123,539	5,463,010	5,490,556	5,740,297	5,792,959
Anticipated Revenue	532,429	552,429	561,610	602,510	602,510	642,099	667,474	652,474	657,005	805,005
State Revenue Sharing	399,075	415,968	432,534	437,534	408,958	413,560	440,000	450,000	377,027	299,561
Homestead Reimbursement	129,105	119,222	105,050	95,116	92,231	98,979	76,249	72,244	79,132	79,643
								22,783	373	376
Total Revenue	4,576,332	4,854,540	4,845,256	5,631,571	5,823,194	6,278,177	6,646,733	6,688,058	6,853,835	6,977,545
Revenue Commitments										
Appropriations Municipal	1,873,428	1,959,979	1,981,032	2,086,574	2,171,182	2,378,216	2,543,116	2,682,072	2,669,769	2,723,125
Dragon Reserve	0	0	0	649,110	882,383	940,252	770,531	742,664	797,469	802,620
MSAD #50	2,453,107	2,608,015	2,586,197	2,581,807	2,487,157	2,670,118	2,868,303	2,891,520	3,004,355	3,065,003
Knox County Tax	237,136	234,087	246,226	262,383	259,234	277,406	307,939	326,176	339,046	362,882
Overlay	12,661	52,459	31,801	51,696	23,238	12,185	156,845	45,625	43,196	23,914
Total	4,576,332	4,854,540	4,845,256	5,631,570	5,823,194	6,278,177	6,646,733	6,688,058	6,853,835	6,977,545
Pollution Control										
Debt Service	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

AUDIT REPORT FOR FISCIAL YEAR 2011-2012

Independent Auditor's Report

Board of Selectmen

Town of Thomaston, Maine

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thomaston, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2012, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Thomaston, Maine's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Thomaston, Maine as of June 30, 2012, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 29, 2012, on our consideration of the Town of Thomaston, Maine's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although

not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Thomaston, Maine's financial statements as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. The combining and individual fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



November 29, 2012

South Portland, Maine

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town of Thomaston, Maine is located in Knox County. It was incorporated in 1777 and operates under a Town Manager-Board of Selectmen form of government.

The financial statements of the Town of Thomaston, Maine have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Town's accounting policies are described below.

A. Reporting Entity

In evaluating how to define the reporting entity, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit was made by applying the criteria set forth by generally accepted accounting principles. This criterion defines the reporting entity as the primary government and those component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as appointment of a voting majority of the component unit's board, and either a) the ability to impose will by the primary government, or b) the possibility that the component unit will provide a financial benefit to or impose a financial burden on the primary government. Application of this criterion and determination of type of presentation involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the government and is generally available to its citizens. Based upon the application of these criteria, it was determined that there are no potential component units which should be included within the Town's financial statements.

Joint Ventures

The Town has entered into two joint ventures with other entities. These joint ventures are considered to be separate reporting entities and have not been included within the Town's financial statements. These joint ventures are as follows:

Owls Head, South Thomaston, Thomaston Solid Waste Corp. - This entity operates a transfer facility for solid waste. The following entities are participants: Thomaston, Owls Head, South Thomaston and the Maine State Prison. The budget is prepared annually by the Owls Head, South Thomaston, Thomaston Solid Waste Corp. Manager. Costs are allocated between parties as follows:

Thomaston	44%
Owls Head	24%
South Thomaston	21%
Maine State Prison	11%

Financial information for this entity as of December 31, 2011 was reported as follows:

General fund assets	\$ 44,988
General fund liabilities	-
General fund balance	\$ 44,988
Capital project fund balance	\$ 112,549

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

George's River Interlocal Clam Management Group - The Town has entered into an interlocal agreement with the Towns of Cushing, St. George, South Thomaston and Warren to assist in development of plans to control, harvest and preserve the natural resources of the George's River. No financial information is available at this time. The funds are administered by the Town of Warren.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Town. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. The Town has elected not to allocate indirect costs among the programs, functions and segments. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

However, debt service expenditures, as well as certain compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when the payment is due. Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, interest, and charges for services. Other receipts and taxes become measurable and available when cash is received by the Town and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

The Town reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Town's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The TIF Fund is a special revenue fund that accounts for property taxes dedicated under an approved credit enhancement agreement for specific uses.

The Non-TIF Economic Development Fund is a special revenue fund used to account for various economic development projects and initiatives.

The Library Operating Fund is a permanent fund that accounts for the operations of the Town's public library.

The Town reports the following major proprietary fund:

The Pollution Control Fund accounts for the operation of a pollution control system.

Additionally, the Town reports the following fund type:

Fiduciary funds account for assets held by the Town in a trustee capacity or as an agent on behalf of others. The Town's fiduciary funds include the following fund types:

Private-purpose trust funds are used to report the activity of bequests left for charitable payments and for scholarship awards. These assets are held by the Town in a trustee capacity, whereby the original bequest is preserved as nonexpendable and the accumulated interest earnings are available to provide for educational awards.

Agency funds account for assets held by the Town as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments and/or funds. The Town serves as an agent for the Fourth of July funds.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to the same limitation. The Town has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are charges between the Town's pollution control fund and various other functions of the government. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned. Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Town's proprietary fund is charges to customers for sales and services; operating expenses include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

D. Cash and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits as well as time deposits and certificates of deposits acquired by the Town. State statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, commercial paper, corporate bonds and repurchase agreements. Investments are carried at fair value. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, all highly liquid investments are considered to be cash equivalents.

E. Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the year, loans may occur between individual funds for cash flow purposes. These receivables and payables are classified as "interfund receivables or payables" on the balance sheet.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Town as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$500 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal repairs and maintenance that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. If material, interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

Property, plant, and equipment of the primary government are depreciated using the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful lives ranging from 5 to 50 years as follows:

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Years</u>
Roads and buildings	40
Equipment	5-15
Pump stations	35-50
Sewer facility and lines	30-50
Vehicles	10-25

For all capital assets: buildings, vehicles, equipment, infrastructure and sewer related assets, the Town elects to use the depreciation approach as defined by GASB Statement No. 34 for reporting.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

G. Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities or business-type activities statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs if material to basic financial statements, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

H. Fund Equity

Governmental Fund fund balance is reported in five classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the Town is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which those funds can be spent. The five classifications of fund balance for the governmental funds are as follows:

- *Nonspendable* – resources which cannot be spent because they are either a) not in spendable form or; b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- *Restricted* – resources with constraints placed on the use of resources which are either a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments or; b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Committed* – resources which are subject to limitations the government imposes on itself at its highest level of decision making authority, and that remain binding unless removed in the same manner.
- *Assigned* – resources that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed.
- *Unassigned* – resources which have not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount.

The voters have the responsibility for committing fund balance amounts and likewise would be required to modify or rescind those commitments. For assigned fund balance management determines amounts to be carried forward for uncompleted projects authorized by the voters at Town Meeting for specific purposes in the General Fund at year end based on department requests.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed. When committed, assigned and unassigned resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use committed or assigned resources first, and then unassigned resources as they are needed.

The General Fund unassigned fund balance total of \$797,179 represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, CONTINUED

I. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues or expenditures/expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers.

J. Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior period have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the Town's financial position and operations. However, comparative data have not been presented in all statements because their inclusion would make certain statements unduly complex and difficult to understand.

K. Accrued Compensated Absences

It is the government's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation and sick pay benefits. Upon retirement, employees shall be compensated for up to 45 days of accumulated sick time at the daily rate at the time of retirement. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements. The amount of accrued compensated absences amounted to \$60,398 at June 30, 2012 and \$63,931 at June 30, 2011. A liability for these amounts is reported in governmental funds only if they have matured, for example, as a result of employee resignations and retirements.

L. Use of Estimates

Preparation of the Town's financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent items at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses/expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budget

The Town utilizes a formal budgetary accounting system to control revenues and expenditures accounted for in the General Fund. This budget is established in accordance with the various laws of the State of Maine, which governs the Town's operations. The budget has been prepared consistent with the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The level of control (level at which expenditures may not exceed budget) is the Town meeting warrant article level, however, the Selectmen have been given authorization (by Town meeting vote) to move up to 10% of the unexpended balances from various line items as needed to provide for the smooth transition of Town business.

All unexpended appropriations lapse at year end unless specific approval is granted at a Town meeting to carry such amounts forward.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY, CONTINUED

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations

For the year ended June 30, 2012, expenditures exceeded appropriations for the following:

Selectmen	\$ 41,359
Town Manager	5,169
General office	1,909
Computer	221
Code enforcement	3,959
Assessor	5,652
Police department	1,368
Protection and safety	\$ 3,183
Ambulance	49,704
General Assistance	15,571
Ambulance billing	2,830
Emergency Services Irene	2,045
Paving projects	178
CDBG Implementation	264
CDBG – Housing grant	15,816
CDBG – Façade grant	44,996
Streetscape Phase II	4,273
Lynch Façade, Streetscape	12,000
Down Town TIF	179
Capital reserves - computers	1,264
Capital reserves – Fire Truck adv	312

Transfer of Budgeted Items

The following items in the budget column on Statement 6 have been restated as follows:

Expenditures as budgeted (original)	\$ 6,121,535
Utilization of fund balance and capital reserves	167,165
Budget as shown (final)	\$ 6,288,700

DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

A. Deposits

Custodial Credit Risk-Town Deposits: Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Town's deposits may not be returned to it. The Town does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2012, the Town holds deposits of \$1,831,737 with a bank balance of \$1,946,176. \$511,197 of the Town's bank balances were exposed to custodial credit risk (amounts on deposit exceeded F.D.I.C. limits per banking institution) due to the balance being uninsured and uncollateralized.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED

B. Investments

At June 30, 2012, the Town reported investments with the following maturities:

	Fair value	Less than 1 year	1-5 years	over 5 years
U. S. Treasuries/Corp Bonds	\$ 449,361	91,212	250,618	107,531
Equities/stock	1,418,633	not applicable		
Money Market (1)	138,850	not applicable		
Repurchase agreements	2,007,570	2,007,570	-	-
Government securities	29,712	29,712	-	-
Mutual funds (1)	293,133	not applicable		
Total investments	\$ 4,337,259		-	-

(1) Mutual funds and Money Market funds are not considered securities and are exempt from risk disclosure noted above.

Deposits and investments have been reported as either cash or investments as follows:

Reported in governmental funds	\$ 4,609,916
Reported in proprietary fund	735,654
Reported in fiduciary funds	823,426

Total deposits and investments **\$ 6,168,996**

Disclosed as deposits (above)	1,831,737
Disclosed as investments (above)	4,337,259

Total deposits and investments **\$ 6,168,996**

Interest Rate Risk: The Town does not currently have a policy which limits the maturities of investments to certain time periods. However, it is the Town's general practice to deposit governmental and proprietary funds in short-term deposits. Excess governmental and proprietary funds on hand daily are swept by the banking institution into overnight repurchase agreements or indexed mutual funds. Only Library, Cemetery, and Charity funds are currently invested in longer term U.S. treasuries or equities (through a financial institution trust department).

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS, CONTINUED

Credit Risk: Maine statutes authorize the Town to invest in obligations of the U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies, repurchase agreements and certain corporate stocks and bonds. As of June 30, 2012, the majority of the Town's investments are in U.S. treasuries or in a repurchase agreement collateralized by U.S. treasuries. The Town's investments in corporate bonds were rated by Standard & Poor's as follows:

Bank of Nova Scotia	50,000	AA-
BOKF	50,000	BBB+
Block Financial Corp	50,000	A-
Campbell Soup Company	40,000	A
Clorox Co	50,000	BBB+
Frontier Oil Corp	50,000	BBB-
Radioshack Corp	50,000	BB
Chesapeake Energy Corp	50,000	BBB+
Kinross Gold Corp	25,000	BBB-
Sterlite Inds	50,000	AA+
Federal Home Ln Bks	25,000	A-

Custodial Credit Risk-Town's investments: For investments, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Of the Town's \$2,007,570 investment in repurchase agreements, 100% was collateralized by underlying securities held by the related bank, which were not in the Town's name.

PROPERTY TAX

Property taxes for the period were committed on September 27, 2011, on the assessed value listed as of April 1, 2011 for all real and personal property located in the Town. Assessed values are periodically established by the Town's Assessor at 100% of assumed market value.

The Town is permitted by the laws of the State of Maine to levy taxes up to 105% of its net budgeted expenditures for the related fiscal period. The amounts raised in excess of 100% are referred to as overlay, and amounted to \$12,758 for the year ended June 30, 2012.

Tax liens are placed on real property within twelve months following the tax commitment date if taxes are delinquent. The Town has the authority to foreclose on property eighteen months after the filing of the lien if the tax liens and associated costs remain unpaid.

Property taxes levied during the year were recorded as receivables at the time the levy was made. The receivables collected during the period and in the first sixty days following the end of the fiscal period have been recorded as revenues. The remaining receivables have been recorded as deferred revenues.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

PROPERTY TAX, CONTINUED

The following summarizes the levy:

	Year ended June 30, <u>2012</u>	Year ended June 30, <u>2011</u>
Assessed value	\$ 373,116,951	370,599,104
Tax rate (per \$1,000)	<u>15.98</u>	<u>15.77</u>
Commitment	5,962,409	5,844,348
Less:		
Abatements (current year only)	10,695	5,302
Collections	<u>5,478,406</u>	<u>5,390,403</u>
Current taxes receivable	473,308	448,643
Taxes receivable--prior years (excluding liens)	<u>28,746</u>	<u>17,355</u>
<u>Total taxes receivable--all years</u>	<u>\$ 502,054</u>	<u>465,998</u>

Due dates	December 5, 2011 June 1, 2012	December 1, 2010 June 1, 2011
Interest rate on delinquent taxes--current period	7.00%	7.00%
Collection rate--current period	91.8%	92.2%

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

CAPITAL ASSETS, CONTINUED

	Balance June 30, 2011	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2012
Business-type activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 556,129	-	-	556,129
Construction in Progress, as restated	22,989	911,214	-	934,203
Total capital assets not being depreciated	579,118	911,214	-	1,490,332
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Vehicles	113,038	-	-	113,038
Machinery and equipment	130,449	20,215	-	150,664
Sewer lines	3,870,478	-	-	3,870,478
Sewer treatment facility	12,049,596	-	-	12,049,596
Pump station	767,327	-	-	767,327
Total capital assets being depreciated	16,930,888	20,215	-	16,951,103
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Vehicles	62,665	5,543	-	68,208
Machinery and equipment	107,449	7,314	-	114,763
Sewer lines	924,210	75,359	-	999,569
Sewer treatment facility	5,817,626	420,413	-	6,238,039
Pump station	98,508	36,527	-	135,035
Total accumulated depreciation	7,010,458	545,156	-	7,555,614
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	9,920,430	(524,940)	-	9,395,490
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 10,499,548	386,273	-	10,885,821

LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2012, was as follows:

	Beginning balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending balance	Due within one year
Governmental activities:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 281,253	250,000	18,081	513,172	18,909
Accrued compensated absences	63,931	-	3,533	60,398	-
Governmental activity long-term liabilities	\$ 345,184	250,000	21,614	573,570	18,909

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

LONG-TERM DEBT, CONTINUED

Business-type activities:

General obligation bonds	\$ 3,882,008	869,385	295,795	4,455,598	1,071,092
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Business-type activities

long-term liabilities	\$ 3,882,008	869,385	295,795	4,455,598	1,071,092
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Bonds and notes payable at June 30, 2012 are comprised of the following:

	Issue date	Maturity date	Amount issued	Rate	Balance June 30, 2012
Governmental activities:					
General obligation bond (Rural Dev.)	2/18/03	2/18/2023	\$ 400,000	4.625%	263,172
General obligation bond (MMBB)	5/24/12	11/1/2027	250,000	.86-1.03%	250,000
Total governmental activities					513,172
Business-type activities:					
2003 GOB Sewer Bond (MMBB)	4/1/03	11/1/2016	305,981	1.31%	113,009
2001 Wastewater bond (MMBB)	6/25/01	4/1/2021	2,528,500	2.37%	1,309,314
2009 Wastewater bond (Rural Dev.)	2/18/09	2/18/37	2,300,000	4.38%	2,163,890
2011 Wastewater BAN	7/15/11	7/14/13	1,099,000	1.50%	869,385
Total business-type activities					4,455,598
Total bonds and loans payable					\$ 4,968,770

As of June 30, 2012, the Town of Thomaston, Maine does not have any authorized but unissued debt.

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of June 30, 2012 are as follows:

June 30,	Governmental activities			Business-type activities		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2013	\$ 18,909	18,071	36,980	1,071,092	126,749	1,197,841
2014	34,481	17,535	52,016	207,651	121,306	328,957
2015	35,523	16,480	52,003	213,797	115,677	329,474
2016	36,632	15,355	51,987	220,150	109,854	330,004
2017	37,819	14,153	51,972	226,719	103,829	330,548
2018-2022	209,815	49,747	259,562	955,651	424,026	1,379,677
2023-2027	119,857	14,626	134,483	413,573	306,787	720,360
2028-2032	20,136	428	20,564	512,330	208,030	720,360
2033-2037	-	-	-	634,635	85,690	720,325
Total	\$ 513,172	146,395	659,567	4,455,598	1,601,948	6,057,546

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

DEBT LIMITATION

The Town is subject to a statutory limitation, by the State of Maine, of its general long-term debt equal to 15% of the State's valuation of the Town. At June 30, 2012, the Town was well within the statutory limit for all categories.

OVERLAPPING DEBT

In addition to the bonds payable, the Town is contingently responsible for the following overlapping debt as of June 30, 2012:

<u>Governmental Unit</u>	<u>Net debt outstanding</u>	<u>Applicable to Thomaston</u>	<u>Town of Thomaston's share of debt</u>
RSU #13	\$ 3,937,000	14.45%	568,897

The Town's proportionate share of this debt is paid through annual assessments.

INTERFUND BALANCES AND TRANSFERS

As of June 30, 2012, the balances of interfund loans receivable/payable and fund transfers were as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Transfers</u>	<u>Interfund loans receivable</u>	<u>Interfund loans payable</u>
General Fund	\$ (100,000)	-	1,554,273
TIF fund	-	536,090	-
Non-TIF Economic Development Fund	-	688,639	-
Thomaston Green Fund	-	237,128	-
CDBG Loan Fund	-	11,942	-
Proprietary Fund – Pollution Control	100,000	80,474	-
Totals	\$ -	1,554,273	1,554,273

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

FUND BALANCE AND NET ASSETS

As of June 30, 2012, other fund balance components consisted of the following:

	<u>Nonspendable</u>	<u>Restricted</u>	<u>Committed</u>	<u>Assigned</u>
General Fund:				
Fire Truck	\$ -	-	50,000	-
Carryforward balances	-	-	-	421,085
Reserves	-	-	-	350,363
Special Revenue Funds:				
TIF Fund	-	536,090	-	-
Non-TIF Economic Development	-	688,639	-	-
Library	66,609	903,942	-	-
Thomaston Green Fund	-	234,592	-	-
CDBG Loan Fund	124,558	11,942	-	-
Permanent Funds	259,618	520,049	-	-
Totals	\$ 450,785	2,895,254	50,000	771,448

Fund balances in the General Fund have been assigned for future periods as follows:

	<u>June 30, 2012</u>	<u>June 30, 2011</u>
Assigned:		
Carryforward balances:		
Administration	\$ 128,409	121,757
Public infrastructure/maintenance	82,333	82,333
Equipment	81,415	29,715
Sam Watts portrait	755	1,040
S. Watts Trust	1,901	1,901
Redevelopment	161	161
Police forfeiture	3,918	3,418
Watts Hall Capital	894	450
Planters	-	636
Acquisition	-	458
Senior citizens reimbursement	280	280
Planning Commission	600	600
Police training	5,995	1,995
Fire Station Heating	45,000	45,000
Workers comp to charitable assistance	(308)	1,449
Police Forfeiture/FEMA	-	500
Watts Hall Rental – Maintenance	-	2,619
Watts Block	-	11,000
Academy	-	6,000
Police Training - Academy	-	4,000
Fire Truck ISO	-	4,000
General Assistance	3,000	3,000
Employee Benefits	-	10,000
Ambulance Billing	-	1,700
Fire Apparatus	-	50,000

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

ASSIGNED FUND BALANCES, CONTINUED

	<u>June 30, 2012</u>	<u>June 30, 2011</u>
Informed Growth	\$ 2,000	31,000
Kevin MoHolland -Rec	400	-
Watts Hall	3,875	-
Protective Clothing	1,437	-
Heating Oil donations	250	-
Rec Dept. Donations	48	-
New Equipment	2,378	-
Snow Removal	28,000	-
Health Insurance	9,600	-
Regional Planning Commission	600	-
2010 EMA Workplan	3,293	-
Sidewalk Replacement	8,010	-
Protective Clothing	3,839	-
Dry Hydrants	3,000	-
Reserve accounts:		
Salt shed	817	815
Capital improvement	56,924	56,809
Police cruiser	30,548	20,487
Ambulance	51,695	41,592
Fire engine	100,584	75,693
Dump truck	265	40,917
Academy building	26,685	14,032
Sidewalk	831	829
Recreation	8,169	8,152
Drainage	7,040	7,025
Computer	61,620	52,760
Skate park	4,584	4,574
Watts Hall voting	107	107
Backhoe	496	495
Total assigned fund balance	\$ 771,448	739,299

ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

Approximately one-fifth of the Town's current tax commitment was levied to Dragon Products, a cement plant with substantial amounts of real and personal property within the Town of Thomaston, Maine.

CONTINGENCIES

The Maine Department of Corrections decommissioned the Maine State Prison in 2002 which was located in Thomaston, Maine. The Town had expanded its wastewater treatment facilities in 1992. The Dept. of Corrections had agreed to pay \$184,000 per year on the 20 year Bond. The final payments due were for fiscal years 2011 and 2012. These payments were utilized towards the acquisition of the property costing \$285,000 at 2.59% interest, starting December 15, 2005. The 2011-12 payment was credited towards this debt and the remaining amount was received by the Town prior to June 30, 2012. It was the Town's plan to sell the land under an option agreement in two installments. However, in 2011 the developer did not exercise the option to develop further.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POSTCLOSURE CARE COSTS

The Town has one non-operational landfill which was capped in 1977 in accordance with Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) standards at that time. It is not anticipated that there will be any additional closure costs necessary at this site and monitoring of the site is not currently required by MDEP.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Town offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457, through the International City Management Association (ICMA). The plan, available to all Town employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency. Assets of the plan are automatically placed in trust for the exclusive benefit of participants and their beneficiaries by ICMA.

MAINE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM (Maine PERS) - CONSOLIDATED RETIREMENT PENSION PLAN

Description of the Plan - The Town participates in the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Consolidated Plan, a cost sharing multiple-employer retirement system established by the Maine State legislature. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The authority to establish and amend benefit provisions rests with the State Legislature. The Maine Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Consolidated Plan. That report may be obtained by writing to Maine Public Employees Retirement System, 46 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0046 or by calling 1-800-451-9800.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 6.5% of their annual covered salary and the Town is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 5.3% of annual covered payroll for regular members and 7.5% for special members. The contribution rates of plan members and the Town are established and may be amended by the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees.

The contribution rates of plan members and the Town of Thomaston are established and may be amended by the Maine Public Employees Retirement Board of Trustees. The Town's required contributions to the Maine Public Employees Retirement System Consolidated Plan for the year ended June 30, 2012 were covered by an unpooled actuarial credit which at June 30, 2011 (the latest date available) was \$606,640. This credit is being utilized by the Town over a 13 year period, from July 1, 2011.

RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, and natural disasters for which the Town either carries commercial insurance, participates in a public entity risk pool, or is effectively self-insured. Currently, the Town participates in several public entities and self-insured risk pools sponsored by the Maine Municipal Association.

Based on the coverage provided by these pools, as well as coverage provided by commercial insurance purchased, the Town is not aware of any material actual or potential claim liabilities which should be recorded at June 30, 2012.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DISTRICTS

The Town currently has two tax increment financing (TIF) districts, both of which were active during the year ended June 30, 2012. The objective of these TIF districts is to stimulate new investment in the community by financing, through various tax increment financing projects, various public improvements. Taxes derived from increased assessed valuation within the districts can be "captured" for approved uses. The Town of Thomaston, Maine accounts for all activity of the TIF districts, including captured taxes and expenditures for approved purposes, in a Special Revenue Fund. Expenditures in any given year may exceed captured values in that year as a result of balances available in TIF accounts from prior periods.

The following is a brief description of each:

#1 Dragon Products Company Development District – This TIF was established in 2004. The tax increment "captured" will be used for fire safety and sewer improvement projects. As of June 30, 2012, \$773,567 has been captured under this agreement, and \$805,158 has been expended.

#2 Thomaston Green Downtown Revitalization Municipal Development District – This TIF was established March 31, 2009. The tax increment "captured" will be used for the activities approved in the development program. As of June 30, 2012, \$15,976 has been captured under this agreement and no funds have been expended.

NET ASSETS – INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS, NET OF RELATED DEBT

Net assets represent the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds and capital leases payable and adding back any unspent proceeds. Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislations adopted by the Town or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments. The Town's net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt was calculated as follows at June 30, 2012:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Capital assets	\$ 11,526,869	18,441,435
Accumulated depreciation	(5,815,999)	(7,555,614)
Bonds payable	(513,172)	(4,455,598)
Total invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 5,197,698	6,430,223

SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

At the June 12, 2012 annual Town meeting, the Town of Thomaston, Maine taxpayers approved spending \$25,000 from Economic Development Funds as a match challenge donation to the Penobscot Bay YMCA for a capital campaign, providing they construct a new facility on Thomaston Green within five years. They also approved the sale of land to Penobscot Bay YMCA as outlined at the Thomaston Green for the sum of \$1.00, providing they construct a new facility within five years.

The Town also approved purchasing a 2011 Bull Dog Fire Pumper for \$396,835, utilizing \$350,000 approved in the prior year, \$25,000 from Unassigned Fund Balance and \$25,000 from the Fire Pumper Reserve.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Notes to Basic Financial Statements, Continued

RESTATEMENT OF NET ASSETS AND FUND BALANCES

Net assets in the governmental activities, business-type activities and private-purpose trust funds have been restated as of July 1, 2011 as a result of various adjustments. The governmental activities are adjusting beginning capital assets for land purchased in 2005 and not recorded as a capital asset. The business-type activities are adjusting beginning capital assets for amounts previously unreported as construction in progress for the Wadsworth Street Sewer project as of June 30, 2011. The private-purpose trust funds are adjusting beginning cash for a deposit that was incorrectly allocated amongst pooled investments as of June 30, 2011.

Fund balance for the General Fund has been restated as July 1, 2011. In prior years, the Ambulance revenues were recorded on a cash basis. Fund balance in the general fund has been restated as of July 1, 2011 to record the beginning accounts receivable for amounts previously unreported.

Fund balances in the Special Revenue Funds have been restated as of July 1, 2011. The CDBG Loan Fund has been restated to record the CDBG loans receivable previously unrecorded. The Library Book Fund and Cemetery Fund have been restated to adjust beginning cash for a deposit that was incorrectly allocated amongst pooled investments as of June 30, 2011.

Net assets as of July 1, 2011 have been restated as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Private-purpose Trust Funds Charity Fund
Net assets as previously reported	\$ 9,922,450	7,504,539	699,220
Restatement – capital assets	285,000	22,989	-
Restatement – ambulance receivables	40,614	-	-
Restatement – CDBG loans receivable	136,500	-	-
Restatement – other	17	11,500	(17)
Net assets, as restated	\$ 10,384,581	7,539,028	699,203

Fund balances as of July 1, 2011 has been restated as follows:

	General Fund		
Fund balance as previously reported	\$ 1,593,956		
Restatement – ambulance receivables	40,614		
Fund balance, as restated	\$ 1,634,570		
	CDBG Loan Fund	Library Book Fund	Cemetery Fund
Fund balance as previously reported	\$ -	343,667	434,384
Restatement – CDBG loans receivable	136,500	-	-
Restatement - other	-	1,191	(34)
Fund balance, as restated	\$ 136,500	344,858	434,350

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Net Assets
June 30, 2012

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 866,414	735,654	1,602,068
Investments	3,743,502	-	3,743,502
Receivables:			
Taxes receivable	502,054	-	502,054
Tax liens	127,796	-	127,796
Accounts receivable	215,557	106,643	322,200
Interfund receivables	(80,474)	80,474	-
Bond issuance costs, net	-	13,997	13,997
Capital assets not being depreciated	324,800	1,490,332	1,815,132
Capital assets being depreciated, net	5,386,070	9,395,489	14,781,559
Total assets	11,085,719	11,822,589	22,908,308
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and payroll withholdings	52,737	5,776	58,513
Taxes collected in advance	5,446	-	5,446
Accrued compensated absences	60,398	-	60,398
Accrued interest	-	42,155	42,155
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Due within one year	18,909	1,071,092	1,090,001
Due in more than one year	494,263	3,384,506	3,878,769
Total liabilities	631,753	4,503,529	5,135,282
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	5,197,698	6,430,223	11,627,921
Restricted	3,346,039	-	3,346,039
Unrestricted	1,910,229	888,837	2,799,066
Total net assets	\$ 10,453,966	7,319,060	17,773,026

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Activities
For the year ended June 30, 2012

For the year ended June 30, 2012				Net (expense) revenue and changes		
Functions/programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		in net assets		Total
		Charges for services	Operating grants and contributions	Capital grants and contributions	Governmental activities	
Primary government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$	474,523	-	-	(474,523)	-
Municipal buildings		66,573	-	-	(66,573)	-
Public safety		635,326	-	-	(635,326)	-
Public works		692,022	7,525	56,077	(546,606)	-
Health and welfare		416,985	130,607	-	(286,378)	-
County assessment		369,443	-	-	(369,443)	-
Education		3,115,596	-	-	(3,115,596)	-
Leisure services		77,829	-	-	(77,829)	-
Local agencies		19,572	-	-	(19,572)	-
Library		89,133	4,690	-	(84,443)	-
Cemetery		47,546	10,200	-	(37,346)	-
Credit enhancement - tax increment financing		618,854	-	618,854	-	-
Unclassified		507,701	-	-	(507,701)	-
Interest on debt		125,991	-	-	(125,991)	-
Capital maintenance and other		15,072	201,250	-	237,130	-
Total governmental activities		7,272,166	354,272	674,931	(6,110,197)	-
Business-type activities:						
Pollution control		967,744	419,656	296	-	(547,792)
Total business-type activities		967,744	419,656	296	-	(547,792)
Total primary government	\$	8,239,910	773,928	675,227	(6,110,197)	(6,657,989)
General revenues:						
Property taxes	\$				5,173,865	-
Excise taxes					368,330	-
Licenses, permits and fees					97,774	-
Cable TV franchise fee					19,875	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:						
State revenue sharing					291,879	-
Homestead exemption					59,344	-
Other					20,689	-
Rental income					40,559	-
Investment income					2,399	-
Unclassified					96,050	878
Transfers					335,764	100,000
Capital contributions					(100,000)	224,547
Total general revenues and transfers					(224,547)	327,824
Change in net assets						
					69,385	(150,583)
Net assets - beginning, restated						
					10,384,581	7,539,028
Net assets - ending	\$				10,453,966	7,319,060
See accompanying notes to financial statements.						

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2012

	General Fund	TIF Fund	"Non-TIF" Economic Development	Library Operating Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 851,995	-	-	3,022	11,397	866,414
Investments	2,007,570	-	-	967,662	768,270	3,743,502
Receivables:						
Taxes	502,054	-	-	-	-	502,054
Tax and sewer liens	127,796	-	-	-	-	127,796
Accounts	90,999	-	-	-	124,558	215,557
Interfund receivables	-	536,090	688,639	-	249,070	1,473,799
Total assets	\$ 3,580,414	536,090	688,639	970,684	1,153,295	6,929,122
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable and payroll withholdings	50,068	-	-	133	2,536	52,737
Taxes collected in advance	5,446	-	-	-	-	5,446
Deferred revenue	352,000	-	-	-	-	352,000
Interfund payables	1,554,273	-	-	-	-	1,554,273
Total liabilities	1,961,787	-	-	133	2,536	1,964,456
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable	-	-	-	66,609	384,176	450,785
Restricted	-	536,090	688,639	903,942	766,583	2,895,254
Committed	50,000	-	-	-	-	50,000
Assigned	771,448	-	-	-	-	771,448
Unassigned	797,179	-	-	-	-	797,179
Total fund balances	1,618,627	536,090	688,639	970,551	1,150,759	4,964,666
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 3,580,414	536,090	688,639	970,684	1,153,295	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:						
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.						
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.						
Long-term liabilities that are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:						
Accrued compensated absences						(60,398)
Bonds payable						(513,172)
Net assets of governmental activities						\$ 10,453,966
See accompanying notes to financial statements.						

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2012

	General Fund	TIF Fund	"Non-TIF" Economic Development Fund	Library Operating Fund	All Other Governmental Funds	Totals
Revenues:						
Taxes	\$ 5,553,930	789,543	-	-	-	6,343,473
Licenses, permits and fees	97,774	-	-	-	-	97,774
Intergovernmental	516,240	-	-	-	-	516,240
Charges for services	138,132	-	201,250	4,514	10,376	354,272
Investment income	2,592	972	1,412	28,615	10,207	43,798
Net investment gains	-	-	-	22,157	30,095	52,252
Other revenues	184,239	7,400	1,000	25,650	269,000	487,289
Total revenues	6,492,907	797,915	203,662	80,936	319,678	7,895,098
Expenditures:						
Current:						
General government	424,686	-	-	-	-	424,686
Municipal buildings	82,519	-	-	-	-	82,519
Public safety	563,302	-	-	-	-	563,302
Public works	416,960	-	-	-	-	416,960
Health and welfare	416,985	-	-	-	-	416,985
Education	3,115,596	-	-	-	-	3,115,596
County assessment	369,443	-	-	-	-	369,443
Recreation and leisure	67,931	-	-	-	-	67,931
Local agencies	19,572	-	-	-	-	19,572
Library	-	-	-	68,105	15,969	84,074
Cemetery	-	-	-	-	47,546	47,546
Credit enhancement - tax increment financing	-	618,854	-	-	-	618,854
Unclassified	494,847	-	-	7,150	5,704	507,701
Debt service	-	62,383	81,689	-	-	144,072
Capital outlays and other	437,009	71,088	52,833	-	25,025	585,955
Total expenditures	6,408,850	752,325	134,522	75,255	94,244	7,465,196
Excess of revenues over expenditures	84,057	45,590	69,140	5,681	225,434	429,902
Other financing uses:						
Transfers--out	(100,000)	-	-	-	-	(100,000)
Total other financing uses	(100,000)	-	-	-	-	(100,000)
Net change in fund balances	(15,943)	45,590	69,140	5,681	225,434	329,902
Fund balances, beginning of year, restated	1,634,570	490,500	619,499	964,870	925,325	4,634,764
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 1,618,627	536,090	688,639	970,551	1,150,759	4,964,666

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance--
Budget and Actual--General Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2012

	Budget			Variance with final budget positive (negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 5,574,365	5,574,365	5,553,930	(20,435)
Licenses, permits and fees	81,920	81,920	97,774	15,854
Intergovernmental	429,050	429,050	516,240	87,190
Charges for services	50,250	50,250	138,132	87,882
Investment income	7,000	7,000	2,592	(4,408)
Other revenues	78,950	78,950	184,239	105,289
Total revenues	6,221,535	6,221,535	6,492,907	271,372
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	371,869	371,869	424,686	(52,817)
Municipal buildings	90,345	90,345	82,519	7,826
Public safety	566,604	566,604	563,302	3,302
Public works	422,354	422,354	416,960	5,394
Health and welfare	357,537	357,537	416,985	(59,448)
Education	3,115,596	3,115,596	3,115,596	-
Intergovernmental - county tax	369,443	369,443	369,443	-
Recreation and leisure	73,637	73,637	67,931	5,706
Local agencies	20,233	20,233	19,572	661
Unclassified	508,175	508,175	494,847	13,328
Capital outlays and other	225,742	392,907	437,009	(44,102)
Total expenditures	6,121,535	6,288,700	6,408,850	(120,150)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	100,000	(67,165)	84,057	151,222
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers--out	(100,000)	(100,000)	(100,000)	-
Utilization of fund balance and capital reserves	-	167,165	-	(167,165)
Total other financing uses	(100,000)	67,165	(100,000)	(167,165)
Net change in fund balance	-	-	(15,943)	(15,943)
Fund balance, beginning of year, restated			1,634,570	
Fund balance, end of year	\$		1,618,627	

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE

Statement of Net Assets

Proprietary Fund

June 30, 2012

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund		
		Pollution Control
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	735,654
Accounts receivable		106,643
Interfund receivable		80,474
Total current assets		922,771
Noncurrent assets:		
Bond issuance costs, net of accumulated amortization		13,997
Pollution control capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		10,885,821
Net noncurrent assets		10,899,818
Total assets	\$	11,822,589
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable		5,776
Accrued interest		42,155
Current portion of long-term debt		1,071,092
Total current liabilities		1,119,023
Long-term liabilities:		
Bonds and notes payable		3,384,506
Total long-term liabilities		3,384,506
Total liabilities		4,503,529
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		6,430,223
Unrestricted		888,837
Total net assets	\$	7,319,060

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets
Proprietary Fund
For the year ended June 30, 2012

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund	
	Pollution Control
Operating revenues:	
Charges for services	415,332
Interest on accounts and lien charges	4,324
Other income	878
Total operating revenues	420,534
Operating expenses:	
Salaries and benefits	135,204
Utilities	66,014
Administration	24,753
Maintenance	15,821
Miscellaneous	11,875
Lab operations	3,556
Transportation	4,145
Town forest	3,070
Insurance	9,293
Sewer line connections and inspection	12,032
Amortization	1,167
Depreciation	545,156
Total operating expenses	832,086
Operating loss	(411,552)
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):	
Efficiency Maine contribution	296
Investment income	2,399
Interest expense	(135,658)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	(132,963)
Loss before transfers and capital contributions	(544,515)
Other financing sources:	
Transfer in	100,000
Capital contributions	224,547
Total other financing sources	324,547
Change in net assets	(219,968)
Net assets, beginning of year, restated	7,539,028
Net assets, end of year	7,319,060

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2012

Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund	
	Pollution Control
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 416,857
Payments to suppliers	(156,462)
Payments to employees	(135,204)
Net cash provided by operating activities	125,191
Cash flows from investing activities:	
Investment income received	2,399
Net cash provided by investing activities	2,399
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Interfund transactions with General Fund	244,073
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	244,073
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Efficiency Maine contribution	296
Principal paid on bond maturities	(295,795)
Interest paid on bonds	(138,232)
Bond proceeds	869,385
Acquisition of capital assets	(931,430)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(495,776)
Net decrease in cash	(124,113)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	848,267
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 724,154
Reconciliation of operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Operating loss	(411,552)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation and amortization	546,323
Increase in receivables	(3,677)
Increase in payables	(5,903)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 125,191

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TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets
Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2012

		Private-purpose Trust Funds	Agency Funds 4th of July
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	195,647	34,022
Investments		593,757	-
Total assets		789,404	34,022
LIABILITIES			
Amounts held for others		-	34,022
Total liabilities		-	34,022
NET ASSETS			
Held in trust for other purposes		789,404	-
Total net assets	\$	789,404	-

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Comparative Balance Sheets
June 30, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 851,995	555,843
Investments	2,007,570	1,912,296
Receivables:		
Taxes	502,054	465,998
Tax liens	127,796	110,375
Accounts	90,999	55,682
Total assets	\$ 3,580,414	3,100,194
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	50,068	45,429
Taxes collected in advance	5,446	10,194
Deferred revenue	352,000	331,000
Interfund payables	1,554,273	1,119,616
Total liabilities	1,961,787	1,506,239
Fund balances:		
Committed	50,000	-
Assigned	771,448	739,299
Unassigned	797,179	854,656
Total fund balances	1,618,627	1,593,955
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 3,580,414	3,100,194

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
For the year ended June 30, 2012 (with comparative actual amounts for 2011)

	2012			2011 Actual
	Revised Budget	Actual	Variance positive (negative)	
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 5,172,865	5,173,865	1,000	5,068,734
Change in deferred taxes	-	(21,000)	(21,000)	(34,000)
Interest and costs on taxes	41,000	32,735	(8,265)	40,065
Excise:				
Motor vehicle	356,500	364,976	8,476	362,784
Recreation	4,000	3,354	(646)	3,452
Total taxes	5,574,365	5,553,930	(20,435)	5,441,035
Licenses, permits and fees	81,920	97,774	15,854	21,260
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	284,954	291,879	6,925	280,867
Homestead exemption	59,344	59,344	-	59,747
Local road assistance	27,304	26,184	(1,120)	25,020
General assistance reimbursement	10,000	20,689	10,689	14,610
Gas tax refund	6,200	3,683	(2,517)	8,373
Veteran's exemption	3,000	3,336	336	3,477
Snowmobile reimbursement	400	417	17	338
Tree growth	1,500	2,315	815	865
PERC performance credit	35,000	56,077	21,077	60,327
CDBG Grant - Façade	-	50,952	50,952	64,525
BETE reimbursements	1,348	1,364	16	3,419
All other	-	-	-	13,400
Total intergovernmental	429,050	516,240	87,190	534,968
Charges for services:				
Stump dump fees	12,000	7,525	(4,475)	7,952
Ambulance	38,250	130,607	92,357	84,630
Total charges for services	50,250	138,132	87,882	92,582
Investment income:				
Interest earned - reserve accounts	-	721	721	648
Other interest income, net	7,000	1,871	(5,129)	1,749
Total investment income	7,000	2,592	(4,408)	2,397
Other revenues:				
Rental income	24,600	34,778	10,178	30,339
Utility reimbursement--tenants	9,000	5,781	(3,219)	7,394
Cable television franchise fee	19,500	19,875	375	19,653
Public telephone commission	150	-	(150)	-
Tower lease	13,200	15,180	1,980	13,200
Walmart/Greely Legal Reimbursement	-	31,352	31,352	-
Samuel Watts Fund	-	2,810	2,810	2,970
Reimbursement - Pollution Control - Public Works	-	55,630	55,630	55,630
Reimbursement - Insurance	-	3,202	3,202	2,725
Reimbursement - Senior Citizens	-	20	20	45
MMA workers comp refund	-	6,027	6,027	4,151
Police income forfeiture	-	-	-	500
Informed Growth	-	-	-	40,000
MMA Safety Grant	-	-	-	1,911
Maine Emergency MGMT Agency	-	3,410	3,410	-
Cascade System Refills	5,000	-	(5,000)	-
Ammunition Grant	-	905	905	-
CDBG Housing Payments	-	-	-	-
Byrne Jag Grant Tasers	-	726	726	-
Miscellaneous	7,500	4,543	(2,957)	13,114
Total other revenues	78,950	184,239	105,289	191,632
Total revenues	6,221,535	6,492,907	271,372	6,283,874

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual, Continued

	2012		Variance positive (negative)	2011 Actual
	Revised Budget	Actual		
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government:				
Selectmen	\$ 26,922	68,281	(41,359)	32,359
Town Manager	121,635	126,804	(5,169)	120,496
Clerk's office	38,979	34,046	4,933	34,641
General office	25,200	27,109	(1,909)	21,591
Finance	44,125	43,855	270	41,632
Administration	16,800	16,850	(50)	15,143
Contingency	750	651	99	1,009
Computer	16,300	16,521	(221)	15,451
Code enforcement	44,571	48,530	(3,959)	43,797
Assessor	36,387	42,039	(5,652)	37,101
Planning Board	200	-	200	-
Total general government	371,869	424,686	(52,817)	363,220
Municipal buildings:				
Watts Block	49,020	48,512	508	37,802
Academy buildings	41,325	34,007	7,318	35,117
Total municipal buildings	90,345	82,519	7,826	72,919
Public safety:				
Fire department	95,767	87,914	7,853	82,483
Police department	282,421	283,789	(1,368)	266,670
Protection and safety	188,416	191,599	(3,183)	189,542
Total public safety	566,604	563,302	3,302	538,695
Public works	422,354	416,960	5,394	436,227
Health and welfare:				
Ambulance	128,537	178,241	(49,704)	168,405
Transfer station	209,000	203,173	5,827	206,679
General assistance	20,000	35,571	(15,571)	31,564
Total health and welfare	357,537	416,985	(59,448)	406,648
Education-RSU No. 13	3,115,596	3,115,596	-	3,081,598
Intergovernmental--county tax	369,443	369,443	-	362,866
Recreation and leisure	73,637	67,931	5,706	63,336
Local agencies	20,233	19,572	661	20,380
Unclassified:				
Overlay/abatements	12,758	10,695	2,063	5,302
Employee benefits	401,617	391,999	9,618	386,397
Insurances	46,600	44,466	2,134	46,001
Public restrooms	1,425	1,039	386	826
Ambulance billing	3,600	6,430	(2,830)	1,900
Computer	1,425	150	1,275	701
Memberships	4,500	4,418	82	4,353
Regional Planning Commission	600	-	600	600
Fourth of July	10,000	10,000	-	10,000
Flags	-	-	-	681
Public library	25,650	25,650	-	25,650
Total unclassified	508,175	494,847	13,328	482,411

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual, Continued

	2012		Variance positive (negative)	2011 Actual
	Revised Budget	Actual		
Expenditures, continued:				
Capital outlays and other:				
Shellfish management	\$ 2,500	2,500	-	2,500
Emergency Services Irene	-	2,045	(2,045)	-
Dump Truck & Plow	160,669	160,669	-	-
Paving projects	96,695	96,873	(178)	58,635
Fire equipment (SCBA)	2,400	2,262	138	3,880
Fire Dept Dry Hydrants	3,000	-	3,000	-
Protective clothing	7,000	3,160	3,840	9,231
CDBG Implementation	-	264	(264)	-
CDBG - Housing grant	-	15,816	(15,816)	46,802
CDBG - Façade grant	-	44,996	(44,996)	17,723
2010 EMA Work Plan	4,043	750	3,293	-
Streetscape Phase II	-	4,273	(4,273)	-
Lynch Façade, Streetscape, Downtown	-	12,000	(12,000)	-
Cemetery	19,000	19,000	-	19,000
Sidewalk replacement	20,000	11,989	8,011	5,298
Down Town TIF	-	179	(179)	-
Capital reserves - computers	-	1,264	(1,264)	-
Capital reserves - Fire Truck Adv	-	312	(312)	-
All other	-	-	-	44,490
Assigned fund balance amounts:				
Public infrastructure	-	4,000	(4,000)	18,790
Administration	-	20,348	(20,348)	10,100
Samuel Watts Portrait Donation	-	285	(285)	-
Watts Hall rental	-	2,175	(2,175)	18,163
Informed Growth	-	29,000	(29,000)	-
Police forfeiture	-	-	-	3,404
WC to charitable assistance	-	1,755	(1,755)	3,432
Planters	-	636	(636)	-
Acquisition	-	458	(458)	-
Raised to increase reserve accounts:				
Academy building	12,600	-	12,600	-
Ambulance	10,000	-	10,000	-
Dump truck	10,000	-	10,000	-
Computers	10,000	-	10,000	-
Police cruiser	10,000	-	10,000	-
Fire apparatus	25,000	-	25,000	-
Total capital outlays and other	392,907	437,009	(44,102)	261,448
Total expenditures	6,288,700	6,408,850	(120,150)	6,089,748
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(67,165)	84,057	151,222	194,126

TOWN OF THOMASTON, MAINE
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual, Continued

	2012		Variance positive (negative)	2011 Actual
	Revised Budget	Actual		
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out - pollution control	\$ (100,000)	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
Utilization of unassigned fund balance for:				
July 4th	10,000	-	(10,000)	-
Paving	21,495	-	(21,495)	-
Dump truck & plow	60,000	-	(60,000)	-
Ambulance per diem	25,000	-	(25,000)	-
Utilization of capital reserves and carryforward balances:				
Assigned fund balances	50,670	-	(50,670)	-
Total other financing uses	67,165	(100,000)	(167,165)	(100,000)
Net change in fund balances	-	(15,943)	(15,943)	94,126
Fund balance, beginning, restated		1,634,570		1,499,830
Fund balance, ending	\$	1,618,627		1,593,956

TOWN MEETING



A Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting Town Meeting Procedures Warrant 2013 / 2014

A Citizen's Guide to Town Meeting - Ten questions you've always wanted to ask.

When was the last time you attended Town Meeting? When was the last time you stayed for the whole meeting? When was the last time you asked a question during the meeting? Proposed an amendment to an article? Asked the selectmen to include an article in the warrant?

This guide to Town Meeting is offered to those who have never attended before and do not know what the word "article" means. It is also meant to help voters who have attended but were reluctant to ask a question for fear of sounding "silly." Either way, the idea is for voters to attend, participate and understand Town Meetings in Maine, which represent a fundamental and important part of governance. Local government really does begin with you.

WHAT HAPPENS AT TOWN MEETING?

Town Meeting serves many of the same functions as the Legislature in Augusta and the Congress in Washington, passing laws and adopting budgets. But Town Meeting is more than just the "legislature;" it is also the "electorate," electing the selectmen and other town officials. In fact, under state law, the only thing required of the annual town meeting is the election of the municipal officials.

Elections may occur in two ways. The traditional way is to nominate officials from the floor of the meeting and to vote by a show of hands or by writing names on a paper ballot. A more recent way (1890) is to require candidates to declare their candidacies prior to the Town Meeting by taking out nomination papers. Voting is then done by secret ballot in the privacy of a voting booth.

Unlike the state Legislature and Congress, Town Meeting is not a representative body. It's just what it says it is: a meeting in which participation is the right and responsibility of every voter. Some say Town Meeting is the "purest form of democracy" because citizens, not their representatives, participate directly in the making of laws and the raising and spending of their taxes.

Since colonial times, the Town Meeting has been a staple of local government in New England. Today, in Maine, most towns still operate under the Town Meeting form of government.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE IN TOWN MEETING?

The best and perhaps most colorful answer to this question appeared in the Biddeford Journal Tribune in March 1994:

“If you ask why town meetings are so poorly attended, people will tell you they go if there’s something exciting on the warrant. They’ve been watching too much television. When it comes to doing your civic duty (which is the key to accountability in self-government) there’s no room for channel surfing. On town meeting day, town meeting is the only show in town.

“Or they’ll say town meeting is held at the wrong time, or that there are too many issues decided by secret ballot, or that the selectmen do what they want no matter what people say. Well, the way to get things changed (including town meeting scheduling and secret ballot votes) is to attend town meeting and put up a fuss. And it’s no wonder the selectmen and other officials take control of municipal affairs. Somebody has to....

“The purest form of democracy is participatory democracy, in which you put your butt in the chair at the meeting house or the high school gym and you have your say and you cast your vote on every last blessed item on the warrant...You might slip out for a coffee but you don’t slip out for the whole day. If you do, you’re part of the problem and somebody else is going to solve it....”

DO I HAVE TO KNOW PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TO PARTICIPATE?

No. That’s why you elect a moderator at the opening of the meeting. The moderator is familiar with parliamentary procedure and is there to keep the meeting moving forward properly until all of the “articles” or items of business have been acted upon. Voters may not talk without being recognized by the moderator. You should direct all of your questions to the moderator. If an item of business is not on the “warrant,” the name given to the list of articles, Town Meeting cannot act on it.

To approve an article: It is customary for the moderator to read the article aloud and ask if someone will make a motion on the article; usually someone will respond by saying “I move the article;” the moderator then asks, “Is there is a second?” Someone will usually respond, “I second the motion.”

This formality sets the stage for the discussion that follows. The moderator then rereads the motion and calls for a vote. It is best not to make a negative motion because people get confused when a “yes” vote means “no.” The best approach, if you oppose an article, is to move the article and vote against it.

To amend an article: Sometimes, during the discussion, someone will propose a change. For example, in a so-called “open-ended” money article, they may want

to increase or decrease the amount of money recommended by the budget committee or selectmen. The amendment must be seconded; there must also be an opportunity to discuss the amendment before voting on it. If the amendment passes, then the motion, as amended, is voted on. If the amendment does not pass, and there are no further amendments, then the original motion is voted upon.

It should be noted that amendments to so-called “capped” money articles – articles in which the amount of money is contained in the actual wording of the article – are limited: The amount may only be decreased. Also, ordinances may not be amended from the floor; the vote on an ordinance must be up or down with no amendment.

Also, over the years Town Meeting moderators and Town Meeting practices themselves may have evolved in ways that are slightly different from what happens in the town next door. That is to be expected with a practice that has been around for more than 200 years! And, that makes it easier for you to ask questions about protocol during Town Meetings that you attend. Many people do so by raising their hands, saying “point of order” and then asking a polite procedural question of the moderator.

WILL I SEEM SILLY IF I ASK QUESTIONS?

No. Most articles in the warrant are less than brief and are written to comply with legal requirements. Which is to say, many articles are not self-explanatory. That’s why some towns include a reader-friendly “explanation” along with the article. But even if your town does this, if you want or need more information before you vote, you have a duty to ask for it. Voting for something you do not understand is worse than not voting at all. Most likely your neighbor has the same questions you do. Once you break the ice with your question, others will feel more comfortable asking their questions. Some of the commonly asked questions are:

- ▶How much did we spend last year on this? How does this compare with last year and can you explain the difference? ▶Can we set up a committee to study this? I don’t think the town has enough information to vote on this article.
- ▶Should we establish a reserve account and build for this instead of borrowing money or raising taxes this year?
- ▶Are we taking too much from surplus? How much will this leave us with in surplus?
- ▶Is this ordinance really necessary? What’s really the problem?
- ▶Why is work being done on the “_____ Road” this year?

Some tips for asking questions: Keep your questions short and to the point. Ask one question at a time. Direct your questions to the moderator. Don’t interrupt the person who is trying to answer your question. Don’t get personal.

SUPPOSE I DON'T WANT PEOPLE TO KNOW MY VOTE?

There are several methods of voting used at town meeting:

- Voice Vote (yeas and nays)
- Show of Hands (when a voice vote is questioned)
- Standing Vote (if the show of hands is indecisive)
- Division of the House (the most decisive of the first four methods; the moderator asks those voting in the affirmative to move to one side of the room and those voting in the negative to move to the other)

Some people say it makes them uncomfortable when they are asked to raise their hands to vote at town meeting; they don't want their neighbors to know how they are voting on certain issues. If that is the case, there is a fifth method of voting that takes care of that:

Written ballot (not to be confused with statutory secret ballots that must be prepared ahead of time and are used when voting is done at the polls.) By law, the moderator, selectmen, and school board members must be elected by written ballot. However, any voter can move that any other article be voted on by written ballot, at any time before the article is voted upon. The motion must be seconded, and no discussion is allowed before voting on the motion to vote by written ballot. Some argue that it takes too much time to vote by written ballot.

SUPPOSE I DON'T WANT TO VOTE ON A PARTICULAR ARTICLE?

There is nothing in the law that requires you to vote, and you should know that. Your non-vote is not considered a negative vote. But you should be clear why you are not voting.

►Is it because you think you are the only one to vote as you will and you don't want to call attention to yourself? Call for a written ballot.

►Is it because you aren't sure how you want to vote because you haven't got enough information? Ask questions.

►Is it because you think the real issue hasn't been addressed? You can say so.

While the decision to vote is yours alone to make, remember democracy is about having and respecting differences of opinion. It is also about asking questions. It is about casting an informed vote. It is also about becoming part of the solution.

The law, however, is quite clear when it comes to “absentee” voting. There is no absentee voting during a traditional open town meeting. It is only permissible when an item is being considered by secret ballot referendum.

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR TOWN MEETING?

Most towns publish the warrant in their annual report. Get a copy before the meeting and read it. If you have questions, you may wish to ask them of the manager or selectmen before the meeting. But some of the answers may be found in that section of the annual report that indicates in detail the various spending accounts and how much was spent in the previous year; compare it with what is being requested this year. Also check as to how much money is in the so-called surplus or undesignated funds account.

ASIDE FROM RUNNING FOR OFFICE, HOW CAN I GET MORE INVOLVED?

There are at least two ways:

Become a member of the budget committee. These committees are granted special and early access to the proposed budget. Their roles, with a few exceptions, are advisory. Your town may or may not have a budget committee; there is no law requiring it to have one. However, towns that do say they serve as a “piece of Town Meeting” or that they serve as a “pre-Town Meeting.” If an item is not acceptable to the budget committee, it often will not be acceptable to the voters. Ideal committees are critical, not adversarial. Above all, they should not be rubber stamps. Some argue that budget committees where everything is thrashed out in advance make for bland town meetings; they argue that town meeting is the “ultimate form of budget committee.” Members are either elected or appointed to the committee. Seeking appointment to your town’s Planning Board or Board of Appeals is another way to get involved.

Propose an article for the warrant. If you feel there is something you would like Town Meeting to consider, such as the creation of a budget committee or the hiring of an administrative assistant, you can approach the selectmen with your idea and ask them to put it on the warrant. They may agree to do so or they may ask you to indicate support for the idea by circulating a petition to have the particular (stated) article in the warrant. According to state law, the petition must be signed by a number of voters of the town equal to at least 10 percent of the number of votes cast for governor in the last election. The selectmen are not required to put it on the warrant if the article seeks something that is beyond the legal powers of the town.

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING WORDS MEAN?

Amendment. This is technically a secondary motion and must be acted on before the main motion is voted upon. It must be seconded and allowed for discussion before it is voted upon.

Annual meeting. This is the meeting at which municipal officers and other officials are elected. No law requires that the annual municipal budget be voted on at this meeting, although many towns do so. A “special” town meeting is any other meeting called by the selectmen.

Annual report. The annual report must be available at least three days before the annual meeting or the annual budget (business) meeting. It must contain the following: a record of all financial transactions during the past fiscal year, a statement of assets and liabilities, including a list of all delinquent taxpayers and the amount due from each, and portions of the audit.

Audit. An examination of the financial statements of a municipality by a public accountant to see if they fairly reflect the financial conditions of the municipality. State law requires that audits be conducted annually.

"Capped" money article vs. open-ended money articles. This is an article in the warrant which states an amount to be raised (“To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.”). Capped articles can only be reduced by amendment. They cannot be increased like open-ended articles (“To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate.”).

Excise tax. There is a motor vehicle excise tax and a watercraft excise tax. They are for the privilege of operating the equipment on public ways and waters.

Home rule. It is the constitutionally guaranteed right of towns and cities to adopt and amend their charters, choose their forms of government and adopt laws that are not already covered by state law or which state law does not prohibit municipalities from adopting. Home rule is intended to ensure local control.

Mandates. These are federal or state laws that require local governments to undertake specific actions or provide specific services. For instance, the requirement that municipalities build salt-sand storage sheds is a mandate that must be paid for with local funds as well as state funds. In 1990, Maine passed a law to require state funding of future mandates.

Ordinance. A law or a regulation enacted by a municipal government, usually targeting a specific subject, as in a dog-control ordinance, a parking ordinance or a zoning ordinance. Most ordinances (less than 10 pages) must be posted in a public place at least seven days before Town Meeting. No ordinance may be amended on the floor of Town Meeting; it may only be voted up or down.

Overdraft. To be avoided if possible. It's when the audit indicates that the amount spent on an item turns out to be greater than that approved by Town Meeting. It is indicated by a parentheses () around the amount.

Revenues and expenditures. Revenue is a fancy word for incoming monies. Most of the money spent by town meeting comes from property taxes; other monies come from excise taxes on vehicles, and from the state in the form of revenue sharing and road assistance. "Expenditure" is a fancy word for outgoing money or on what the money is spent; most of the money is spent on schools, roads and solid waste disposal.

Surplus. Also known as "undesignated" or "un-appropriated fund balance." It often results from not spending monies that were approved; it also results from getting more revenues than expected. There can be a tendency to "raid surplus" instead of raising taxes. But surplus is not a savings account; it is an "operating cushion" to be used only in times of emergency, say some. The rule of thumb is to make sure surplus contains at least 8 percent of the total operating budget for the town or an amount equal to one month's operating expenses. The optimum is 10 percent. If you do dip into it one year, make sure you build it up again the next year. Only the Town Meeting can authorize the spending of surplus.

Secret ballot. The clerk prepares this for use at the polling place in secret (Australian) ballot elections, which can be for referendum questions (issues) as well as for candidates. Open town meeting towns become secret ballot towns by a Town Meeting vote to adopt secret ballot voting at least 90 days before the annual meeting. There are several towns in Maine that act on their entire warrant by secret ballot; many others use secret balloting for large ticket items, like bond issues.

Tax anticipation note (TAN). Often referred to as "hired money," it is money borrowed from a bank to run the town while waiting for taxes to be collected. Towns that collect taxes only once a year are the greatest users of this; towns that have two tax collections a year and therefore an earlier flow of cash into the town coffers usually do not have to rely on hired money. No Town Meeting vote is required in order to authorize the selectmen to take out a TAN.

Tax rate. The tax rate determines how much you pay in property taxes. It is stated in "so many dollars per thousand dollars of valuation." For example, in a town with a tax rate of \$14 per thousand dollars, the owner of a house valued at \$100,000 would pay \$1,400 ($\$14 \times 100$) in taxes.

To raise. A vote to raise a sum of money is a vote to get the money through municipal taxation of real and personal property. Typically, the motion is "to raise and appropriate" the money for some stated purpose identified in the article.

To see what sum. An article that asks “to see what sum” is said to be an open-ended article and signals the need for someone to make a motion to set an amount for the discussion. Often the selectmen and the budget committee recommend on the warrant the amount that they think is in the best interest of the town.

Warrant. The written notice, signed by at least a majority of the selectmen, which calls a town meeting and lists all the articles or items of business which will be voted on at the meeting. It must be posted in at least one public and conspicuous place in the town at least seven days before the town meeting.

WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT FORMS OF TOWN MEETING GOVERNMENT?

Town Meeting-Selectmen

This is the most common form. This form of government relies on a board of selectmen to function as the executive arm administering, enforcing and carrying out the decisions made by the town meeting. Some towns find that a part-time board of selectmen is not enough and that a full-time manager is too much, so they hire an administrative assistant to the selectmen.

Town Meeting-Selectmen-Manager

This is the second most common form of local government in Maine. As municipalities grow in size, and as state and federal regulations increase in number and complexity, many municipalities have hired a manager to administer the town’s government. Under this form, the board of selectmen continues to serve as the town’s executive body; the difference is that now they have an administrator to oversee the daily operations of the municipality so they can attend more to issues of policy.

Town Meeting-Council-Manager

In this variation, the legislative functions of government are shared between the town meeting and an elected council. The exact delegation of powers differs from one municipality to another. However, the most common scenario is to have the town meeting vote on the budget while the council tends to all the other legislative functions.

Representative Town Meeting

Also known as the “limited Town Meeting,” persons are elected from each of several districts to attend the town meeting. Any voter may still speak, but only the elected representatives may vote.

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURES

Town Meeting Warrant

Posting of the Town Meeting Warrant

A Town Meeting Warrant must be posted seven (7) days prior to the meeting under Maine State Law. The reason for posting a warrant is to allow those voters who wish, the right to see what business is to be conducted at the meeting and to decide if they wish to attend or not.

Warrant Articles

A warrant article that reads “To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate” are open ended articles that allow the bottom line total of the article to be raised or lowered by an amendment from the floor of the meeting.

A warrant article that reads “To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate” are capped articles and the bottom line total can not be raised but may be lowered.

An amendment from the floor of the meeting to reduce an article will result in a reduction of the bottom line total only (line items included within the articles are explanations only of the article’s total).

Conducting of the Open Floor Meeting

First, rules of procedure are not rules of law. Their purpose is to facilitate the conduct of the meeting.

1. Distinguishing or Separating Voter and Non-Voters - Please respect any measures in effect for distinguishing or separating the voters from non-voters
2. Unanimous Consent – To expedite procedure, the moderator may from time to time invite or suggest that the meeting give “unanimous consent” to proceeding in a certain way. Cooperation where you can freely give it will usually save time and avoid unnecessary complication, but if you do not wish to give consent simply call out “Objection” or “I object” when the moderator asks for unanimous consent. The moderator may then suggest or invite a motion and vote on procedure and you will then have the opportunity to speak in opposition to the procedure.
3. Rules of Debate – Maine law makes three rules. (1) A person may not speak without being recognized by the moderator. (2) Everyone shall be silent at the moderator’s command. (3) A person who is not a town voter may not speak without the consent of two-thirds of the voters present. In addition the moderator may as
4. that one or more of the following rules, be observed, and may invoke others to maintain good order and decorum. Raise your hand or stand as directed by the moderator, to be recognized and then state your name and what you would like to

do. Stand while speaking unless otherwise directed or authorized by the moderator. Refrain from making negative motions (“I move that article 16 be defeted”⁰). After a motion has been made and seconded, the moderator will open the floor for discussion. The moderator may call on the Selectmen or to speak first on a main motion (a motion to approve an article as printed for example). Thereafter, the affirmative side speaks. A person who makes a motion is entitled but not required to be the first speaker on the motion and may not vote against the motion but may seek consent to withdraw the motion. A person seconding a motion may both speak against it and vote against it. Do not make a speech and conclude it with a motion, rather, make the motion and then speak to it after the moderator has put it to floor for debate.

Address all remarks and all questions to the moderator alone. Remarks must be relevant to the motion. Debate will generally alternate between those in favor and those opposed. No one should address the same subject more than twice without express permission of the moderator. The meeting may establish a time limit per speaker per question and an overall time limit on a motion. No one may speak a second time until all that wish to speak a first time have done so. Speak to those issues, not to the person, and do not question motives or speak ill of another. Profanity is always out of order. Do not read from any document except the warrant without first obtaining the moderator’s consent. Listen attentively, do not whisper in the seats, and do not interrupt a speaker. Take conversation outside, and mute all but emergency worker’s cell phones.

5. Written Ballot – On a motion and a majority vote, or by unanimous consent, the meeting can determine to require written ballot voting on any business or article on the warrant.
6. Appeal – A voter who thinks it appropriate to follow a procedure other than one announced by the moderator may seek to be recognized and then move the procedure the voter feels is more appropriate.
7. Methods of Voting – These are in increasing order of certainty (and for most of the time required) voice vote, show of hands, rising or standing vote, division of the house and written ballot vote.
8. Challenge – A voter who thinks the moderator has not correctly determined the outcome of a voice or other vote short of an actual count and who wishes to challenge the moderator’s determination should immediately seek to be recognized and when recognized say “I doubt it”. The moderator will then determine whether at least six other voters agree. If so, the moderator will make the determination more certain by using a designated other method of voting.

MAINE MODERATOR'S MANUAL

RULES OF PROCEDURE

(Revised 2005)

TYPE/MOTION	SECOND REQUIRED	DEBATABLE	AMENDABLE	VOTE REQUIRED	RECONSID- ERABLE	RANK/NOTES
PRIVILEGED						
Adjourn (sine die)	Y	N	N	M	N	1
Recess or Adjourn to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	N	2
SUBSIDIARY						
Previous Question	Y	N	N	2/3	N	3
Limit Debate	Y	N	Y	2/3	Y	4
Postpone to Time Certain	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	5
Amend	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	6
INCIDENTAL						
Appeal	Y	Y	N	M	Y	A, B, D
Fix the Method of Voting	Y	N	N	M	N	B
Withdraw a Motion	N	N	N	M	See Notes	B, C, D
MAIN						
Main Motion	Y	Y	Y	M	Y	
Reconsider	Y	See Notes	N	M	N	A, D, E
Take up Out of Order	Y	Y	N	2/3	N	

Y — Yes, this action is required or permitted.

N — No, this action cannot be taken or is unnecessary.

M — Majority vote required

A — This motion may be made when another motion has the floor.

B — Same rank as motion out of which it arises.

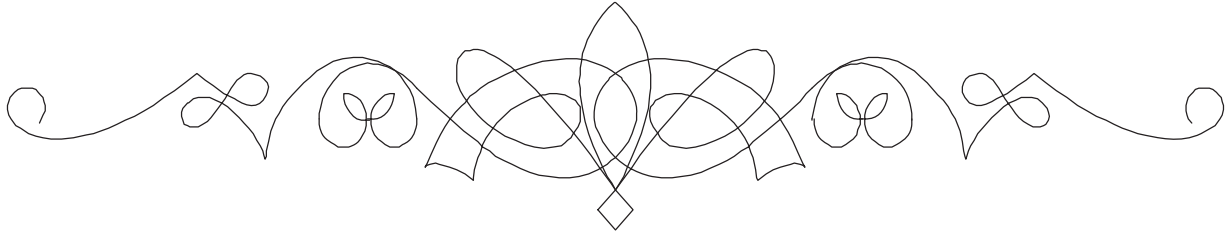
C — Only a prevailing negative vote on this motion may be reconsidered.

D — This motion has the same rank, and is debatable to the same extent, as the motion being reconsidered.

E — Only a person who voted on the prevailing side may make this motion.

None of the motions in the table should interrupt a speaker.

This table does not include the statutory procedure for challenge (to question a vote), mentioned in the "Notes for Voters" and discussed in the Maine Moderator's Manual.



***PRESENTING
THE
ANNUAL
TOWN MEETING
WARRANT FOR
F/Y
2013-2014***

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014**

TO: Joan Linscott, a Resident of the Town of Thomaston in the County of Knox and State of Maine.

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Thomaston, in the County of Knox and State of Maine, qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to meet at **AMERICAN LEGION** at 10 Watts Lane in said Town on **TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013 AT 8:00 AM** prevailing time, then and there to act upon **ARTICLES 1 AND 2 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT. POLLS WILL OPEN AT EIGHT (8) O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND WILL CLOSE AT EIGHT (8) O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING PREVAILING TIME.**

You are also hereby required to notify and warn voters of the Town of Thomaston, in the County of Knox, State of Maine, qualified to vote by law in Town affairs, to meet at the **AMERICAN LEGION** at 10 Watts Lane in said Town on **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013 at 7:00 PM** prevailing time, then and there to proceed with **ARTICLES 3 through ARTICLES 38.**

ARTICLE 1: To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting. **THE MODERATOR MUST BE CHOSEN PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE POLLS FOR ELECTING TOWN OFFICERS.**

ARTICLE 2: To choose by ballot, two Selectpersons for three year terms, and one Assessor for a three year term.

June 12, 2013 – 7:00 PM – AMERICAN LEGION

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to accept the categories of funds listed below as provided by the Maine State Legislature and to expend same:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
State Local Road Assistance		25,020.00
Gasoline Refund		1,500.00
State Revenue Sharing		274,404.00
General Assistance		10,000.00
Snowmobile Reimbursement		400.00
Tree Growth Reimbursement		1,500.00
Veteran's Exempt Reimbursement		3,500.00
Property Tax Relief Funds	Unknown	Unknown
State Grants & Other Funds	Unknown	Unknown

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to lapse all non-real estate/personal property tax revenues to Undesignated Fund Balance (surplus), and to see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate to reduce the property tax assessment for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:		
	2013/2014	2012/2013
Appropriated from Fund Balance and Transfer		
	Unknown	Unknown (\$0)
From Anticipated State Revenue Sharing		
	<u>\$229,240</u>	<u>\$274,404.00</u>
TOTAL	\$229,240	\$274,404.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$350,274.62 for GENERAL GOVERNMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:		
	2013/2014	2012/2013
Selectpersons	\$ 10,065.16	\$10,065.16
Legal	14,000.00	14,000.00
Selectmen's Office	3,350.00	3,150.00
Manager	69,806.89	69,806.89
Exec.Sec./Office Coord.	34,814.00	34,814.00
Manager's Office	21,044.33	21,044.33
Clerk	35,049.66	35,049.66
Clerk's Office	5,950.00	5,950.00
General Office	28,700.00	28,100.00
Municipal Accounting Clerk	37,620.54	37,620.54
Finance Office	8,250.00	8,250.00
Administration	16,900.00	16,850.00
Planning Board	200.00	200.00
Contingency	750.00	750.00
Computer	18,000.00	18,000.00
Code Enforcement Officer	41,299.04	41,299.04
Code Enforcement Office	<u>4,475.00</u>	<u>4,475.00</u>
TOTAL	\$350,274.62	\$349,424.62

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$93,925.00 for maintenance and operation of MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Watts Block	\$52,600.00	\$51,800.00
Academy Building	<u>41,325.00</u>	<u>41,325.00</u>
TOTAL	\$93,925.00	\$93,125.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$249,463.72 for the POLICE DEPARTMENT WAGES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Chief	\$ 57,361.69	\$ 57,361.69
Patrolmen (3)	116,118.62	116,118.62
Reserves	7,000.00	6,000.00
Overtime	9,000.00	9,000.00
Traffic Control	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sergeant	\$44,283.41	44,283.41
Special Details	500.00	500.00
Court Time	1,400.00	1,400.00
Sick Leave	2,000.00	2,000.00
Vacation Buyback	2,000.00	2,000.00
Holiday Pay	<u>8,300.00</u>	<u>8,300.00</u>
TOTAL	\$249,463.72	\$248,463.72

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$48,000.00 for GENERAL EXPENDITURES – POLICE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Transportation	\$18,500.00	\$18,400.00
Supplies & Equipment	<u>29,500.00</u>	<u>25,400.00</u>
TOTAL	\$48,000.00	\$43,800.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,800.00 for THE POLICE DEPARTMENT Radio Transmission Upgrade.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,087.87 for the FIRE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Fire Chief	\$13,339.05	\$13,339.05
Deputy Chief	6,616.49	6,616.49
Assistant Chief	3,932.33	3,932.33
Call Members	20,500.00	20,500.00
Operations	15,700.00	14,950.00
Communications	1,000.00	1,000.00
Fire Equipment	8,250.00	8,250.00
Fire Vehicle Maintenance	12,500.00	12,500.00
Station Building	<u>18,250.00</u>	<u>15,950.00</u>
TOTAL	\$100,087.87	\$97,037.87

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,400.00 to purchase self-contained breathing (SCBA) bottles for the Fire Department.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,000.00 to purchase protective clothing for the Fire Department.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$195,683.98 for PROTECTION AND PUBLIC SAFETY for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Street Lighting	\$ 39,957.00	\$ 37,857.00
E.M.A.	858.64	858.64
Health Officer	1,248.36	1,248.36
Animal Control	9,619.98	9,619.98
Hydrant Rental	<u>\$144,000.00</u>	<u>143,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$195,683.98	\$192,583.98

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,043.00 for the Emergency Management Work Plan, and to accept a matching grant of \$5,396.00 from the State for same.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$441,000.83 for PUBLIC WORKS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Director	\$ 55,675.08	\$ 55,675.08
Full Time Employees (3)	112,540.27	112,540.27
Shared Employees	37,384.88	37,384.88
Overtime	6,200.00	6,200.00
Public Works General	6,800.00	6,800.00
Operations	56,500.00	54,300.00
Winter Roads	89,500.00	88,100.00
Summer Roads	26,650.00	25,250.00
Stump Dump	38,600.60	36,600.60
Town Garage	<u>11,150.00</u>	<u>11,100.00</u>
TOTAL	\$441,000.83	\$433,950.83

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$214,000.00 for Transfer Station Fees for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

Note: The reduction is due to population change.

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Transfer Station Fees	<u>\$214,000.00</u>	<u>\$202,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$214,000.00	\$202,000.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$59,018.80 for the AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Director	\$ 8,507.00	\$ 8,507.00
Assistants	6,241.80	6,241.80
Call Attendants	10,500.00	10,500.00
Meetings and Drills	1,500.00	1,500.00
Training	8,000.00	8,000.00
Transportation	4,500.00	4,000.00
Administration and Office Supplies	6,370.00	5,870.00
Operations	11,400.00	11,400.00
Communications	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 59,018.80	\$ 58,018.80

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$33,421.44 for per diem weekend ambulance coverage.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000.00 to reimburse Rockland for Ambulance coverage at the rate of \$250.00 per call and to authorize charging the same \$250.00 per call for coverage when Thomaston's Ambulance responds to calls outside of Thomaston.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$45,309.81 for the ASSESSOR'S OFFICE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Assessors' Compensation	\$ 2,752.16	\$ 2,752.16
Assessors' Agent	26,527.65	26,527.65
Office Supplies	550.00	550.00
Book Binding	250.00	250.00
Mileage	250.00	250.00
Training	200.00	200.00
Memberships	30.00	30.00
Computer Maintenance	3,250.00	3,100.00
Mapping	500.00	0.00
Legal and Professional Services	3,000.00	3,000.00
Commercial Assessments	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>8,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$45,309.81	\$44,659.81

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,168.23 for the RECREATION DEPARTMENT for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Director's Salary	\$33,418.23	\$33,418.23
League Fees	5,000.00	5,000.00
Office Supplies	650.00	650.00
Field Maintenance	9,100.00	7,100.00
Senior Citizen's Account	6,000.00	5,200.00
Supplies and Equipment	6,500.00	6,500.00
Basketball Referees	2,000.00	1,400.00
Mileage	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
TOTAL	\$63,168.23	\$59,768.23

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,974.42 for LEISURE SERVICES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
SHADE TREES		
Tree Warden	\$ 820.73	\$ 820.73
Tree Removal	1,600.00	1,600.00
Dead Limb Sanitation	3,070.00	3,070.00
Stump Removal	500.00	500.00
Tree Planting	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$7,090.73	\$7,090.73
HARBOR SERVICES		
Harbor Master	\$3,713.69	\$3,713.69
Education/Training	500.00	500.00
Public Landing Maintenance	350.00	350.00
Float Maintenance	600.00	600.00
Miscellaneous	445.00	445.00
Facility Maintenance	750.00	750.00
Boat Maintenance	650.00	650.00
Float Removal	<u>400.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$7,408.69	\$7,408.69
FOURTH OF JULY		
4 th of July Electrical	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
CONSERVATION COMMITTEE		
Conservation Committee	<u>\$ 475.00</u>	<u>\$ 475.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00
TOTAL	\$14,974.42	\$14,974.42

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$582,811.00 for UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Workers' Compensation	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,000.00
Unemployment Insurance	4,900.00	4,900.00
FICA	74,000.00	64,762.90
Health Insurance	306,000.00	306,000.00
Retirement	5,500.00	4,500.00
Wage Increase	<u>25,890.00</u>	<u>00.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$448,290.00	\$412,162.90

INSURANCE

Commercial Package/Auto	\$41,000.00	\$41,000.00
Public Official Liability	6,500.00	5,000.00
Employee Dishonesty Bond	<u>600.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$48,100.00	\$46,600.00

Public Restrooms	<u>\$ 1,800.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,800.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00

COMPUTERS

Computers and Printers	<u>\$ 1,425.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,425.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,425.00	\$ 1,425.00

TAN Interest	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Memberships	4,500.00	4,500.00
Regional Planning Commission	600.00	600.00
Maine Service Coalition	500.00	500.00
Debt Service	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>100,000.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 55,600.00	\$105,600.00

Thomaston Public Library	\$ 27,096.00	\$ 25,650.00
Thomaston Flags	<u>500.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>
SUBTOTAL	\$ 27,596.00	\$ 26,150.00
TOTAL	\$582,811.00	\$593,737.90

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$135,600.00 for CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/RESERVE ACCOUNTS for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
Police Cruiser Reserve	\$13,000.00	\$10,000.00
Ambulance Reserve	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Fire Apparatus	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Academy Maint. Reserve	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00
Dump Truck Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Computer Reserve	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Municipal Facilities Reserves	<u>\$50,000.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL	\$135,600.00	\$77,600.00

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$24,000.00 for FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014:

DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

	2013/2014	2012/2013
General Assistance	<u>\$24,000.00</u>	<u>\$24,000.00</u>
TOTAL	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00

As administered under Title 22 M.R.S.A. SUB 4305.4 Department of Human Services.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,233.10 for PROVIDER AND LOCAL AGENCIES for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014: DESCRIPTION AND COMPARISON:

PROVIDERS AGENCIES

	2013/2014	2012/2013
PenBay Med. Ctr. Out. Psych.	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,592.20
Coastal Workshop	237.50	237.50
Penquis CAP	2,850.00	2,850.00
Mid-Coast Children's Services	665.00	665.00
Kno-Wal-Lin	0.00	2,850.00
New Hope for Women	950.00	950.00
Coastal Transportation	1,710.00	1,710.00
Spectrum Generations	2,158.40	2,158.40
Pope Memorial Humane Society.	475.00	475.00
ADAPT	190.00	190.00
Home Counselors	190.00	190.00
Trekkers	1,000.00	0.00
Knox County Hopeless Coalition	2,000.00	0.00
American Red Cross	442.20	0.00
Broadreach Family& Community	250.00	0.00
Midcoast ME Comm Action	250.00	0.00
Rockland District Nursing	500.00	0.00
SUBTOTAL	\$13,868.10	\$13,868.10

LOCAL AGENCIES

Historical Society	\$ 712.50	\$ 712.50
Christmas Lighting	1,140.00	1,140.00
Memorial Day Committee	712.50	712.50
Friends of Montpelier	1,900.00	1,900.00
Landscaping Committee	1,900.00	1,900.00
SUBTOTAL	\$ 6,365.00	\$ 6,365.00
TOTAL	\$20,233.10	\$20,233.10

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$81,000.00 for Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 to pave the following streets:

DESCRIPTION:

Lawrence Ave, Marsh Rd, Stony Brook Ln	\$22,695.00 est.
Pleasant S. with Rockland	\$13,600.00 est.
Butler Rd.	\$44,705.00 est.
Total	\$81,000.00 est.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to authorize Selectpersons, on behalf of the Town, TO SELL AND DISPOSE OF ANY REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED BY THE TOWN for non-payment of the taxes thereon and to execute quit claim deeds for said property, said real estate to be sold as follows:

1. A notice of intent to sell such property shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in Knox County at least three weeks prior to such sale, inviting interested parties to submit sealed bids thereon.
2. The parties from whom the property has been taken for non-payment of taxes thereon may purchase said real estate from the Town at any time during the process, the purchase price in the latter case being all unpaid taxes on said property, plus interest, lien costs and the cost of the publication of the notice plus the cost of the quit claim deed.
3. In the event the parties from whom the real estate was taken by the Town for unpaid taxes fails to redeem the property as provided in Paragraph 2, the Board of Selectpersons may sell the property to the highest sealed bidder.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to permit acceptance of PREPAID TAXES and to fix the dates of December 4, 2013 for the first payment and June 4, 2014 for the second payment, when the taxes shall become due and payable; and, to see if the Town will fix the rate of interest at 7 percent to be charged on taxes unpaid after said date; and to see if the Town will fix the rate of interest for overpayments of taxes at 3 percent for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

NOTE: Pursuant to Title 36 M.R.S.A. Section 506-A “Overpayment of Taxes”.

DECISION: When a tax collector has demanded and received from a taxpayer more than is due and more than appears to be due according to his lists, he must refund the excess to the tax payer, even though he has paid the amount into the Town Treasury.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons to accept, on behalf of the Town, GIFTS, DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS in the form of money, personal services and materials for the benefit of the Town, its government including legal departments and public facilities thereof, for the purpose of aiding and enhancing the delivery of public services. Said gifts to be without conditions and not require the voters to raise additional maintenance money.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectpersons TO MOVE UP TO 10% OF UNEXPENDED BALANCES from various accounts as needed to provide for the smooth transition of Town business.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 TO SUPPORT THE SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from undesignated fund balance the sum of \$10,000.00 TO ASSIST THE FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE in continuing the annual celebration.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 34: Shall the Ordinance entitled Chapter Seven Thomaston Land Use and Development Ordinance be amended?

A copy of this ordinance certified by the municipal officers and the Planning Board has been on file with the municipal clerk's office at least seven days before the Town Meeting. A certified copy of this ordinance is available for review in the Office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 35: Shall the Ordinance entitled Georges River Regional Shellfish Management Ordinance be adopted?

This proposed amended ordinance has been certified by the Board of Selectmen and delivered to the municipal clerk at least seven days before this meeting. Copies of this ordinance are available for review in the office of the Town Clerk during regular business hours.

SELECTPERSONS AND PLANNING BOARD RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$30,000.00 towards the ongoing Thomaston Sidewalk Program to resurface sidewalks in Thomaston.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000.00 for the operating budget of the Thomaston Village Cemetery.

SELECTPERSONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND APPROVAL

ARTICLE 38: To see if the voters will approve the Board of Selectmen appointing a committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Dog Park and Pet Cemetery on Town-owned property located to the East of the Sunrise Section of the Village Cemetery?

Explanation: The intent of this committee will be investigative only and charged with looking at the design, costs (no tax dollars to be used) and fundraising of the monies that would be required to complete such a project. Before any plan is implemented the committee would present to the voters for their consideration the final findings.

SELECTPERSONS RECOMMEND APPROVAL

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